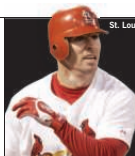


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Marine Sgt. Joshua Horton was flown to a military hospital in Bethesda, Md., this week for treatment of wounds suffered in Iraq. The day before, his wife was in a Chicago area hospital, giving birth to quintuplets.

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Marine Sgt. Joshua Horton of Oswego, Ill., is seen in a family photo with his wife, Taunacy, and their two older children, Sean and Shaleigh.

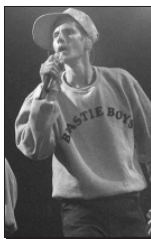
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# News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Ex-Klansman in hospital:** Former Ku Klux Klansman Erby Frank Cherry, serving life imprisonment for a church bombing that killed four black girls in 1963, was hospitalized in critical condition after his health deteriorated, prison officials said Thursday.

Cherry, 74, was taken from Holman Prison to Attmore Community Hospital on Wednesday, according to Brian Corbett, a spokesman for the Alabama Department of Corrections.

Convicted in 2002 in the bombing of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Cherry has a history of heart problems, and prison officials said he has been treated for diabetes at Holman.

**Wrongful-death lawsuit settled:** The families of four student band members killed in a 2001 bus crash settled a wrongful-death lawsuit against two travel companies and their drivers for \$1.5 million.

The agreement came one day before a trial was to begin in Massachusetts against Boston companies Crystal Transport and Kristine Travel and Tour and drivers Hin C. Kan and Fred C. Pranger. Van Hool, the Belgian manufacturer of the bus, will also contribute to the settlement, lawyers said.

The tour bus was carrying 42 children from Oak Hill Middle School to a concert in Halifax, Nova Scotia, when the vehicle flipped on its side before dawn in April 2001 in Sussex, New Brunswick.

**Tour bus crash:** A tour bus that crashed along an Arkansas highway, killing 14, was in such poor condition that it would have been pulled out of service had it been inspected, investigators said Wednesday.

The National Transportation Safety Board said it found pre-existing cracks on frame rails that held up the motor in the rear of the bus.

The agency did not link the cracks to Saturday's crash, saying the cause remained under investigation. Authorities were still looking at whether the driver, Herbert Walters, fell asleep at the wheel and planned to subpoena his medical records.

**Crematory trial:** A trial for a Georgia crematory operator accused of failing to burn hundreds of corpses has been postponed



**Space station crew:** American astronaut Leroy Chiao gives a thumbs-up during the ride from the suit-up facility at the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan to the launch pad as he and his Soyuz TMA-5 spacecraft crewmates, Russian cosmonauts Salizhan Sharipov and Yuri Shargin, prepare for their liftoff Thursday to the international space station. The spaceship is due to dock with the station at 8:17 a.m. (04:17 GMT) on Saturday.

while the state Supreme Court hears an appeal of scores of criminal charges.

Ray Brent Marsh had been scheduled to go on trial this month, but it was put on hold pending the appeal. Among other points, defense attorneys argue that dead bodies are not property subject to the state's theft laws. The 787 criminal charges against Marsh include 439 counts of theft.

The law would ensure that the country has a leader capable of strengthening "our drive and commitment in the fight against terrorism," said Tariq Azeem Khan, a spokesman for the ruling party.

## War on terrorism

**Moussaoui rehearing denied:** Terrorism suspect Zacarias Moussaoui lost a bid Wednesday to have the full Richmond, Va.-based 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals review two issues — witness access and the death penalty — that have delayed a trial.

Moussaoui's lawyers, Frank Dunham Jr. and Edward MacMahon Jr., said they have not decided whether to ask the Supreme Court to grant Moussaoui direct access to three al-Qaida prisoners and bar the government from seeking the death penalty.

Before the ruling, the lawyers notified the trial judge in the case that they would file such an appeal if a rehearing was denied.

A petition to the high court could cause additional delay in a case that has lasted for almost three years.

Stories and photo from wire services

## World

**Pakistan president remains army chief:** Lawmakers passed a bill Thursday allowing President Gen. Pervez Musharraf to remain as Pakistan's army chief, despite his earlier promise to step down from the post. The move was condemned by opponents, who said it gives the U.S.-backed leader too much power and underscores claims that Pakistan is ruled by a military dictatorship.

The government said the bill would ensure stability in a country with a long history of political turmoil. Its passage in the National Assembly came just days after the fifth anniversary of the bloodless coup in which Musharraf took power.

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## Yokota flea market

The Yokota High School Parent-Teacher Organization Flea Market and Yard Sale is to be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 23, in the YHS cafeteria.

Setup begins at 7 a.m. Renting a table costs \$10; organizers said a few tables are left to rent.

E-mail: Deborah Downing@pac.ednet.edu if you are interested in renting a table.

## Breast cancer walk

The Camp Zama Chapter of Federally Employed Women is sponsoring the Camp Zama 5K Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on Saturday. Starting times will be staggered, at 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.; the walk is to begin and end at Dewey Park.

Participants will receive a card that will be stamped at each of the information booths along the route. At the finish, participants will turn in the cards for a ticket for a free barbecue lunch and a chance at a door prize.

The organization also seeks to recognize any breast cancer survivors participating. Call GERALYN INOAH at DNS 263-8881 for more information.

## Halloween help

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The 374th Airlift Wing's public affairs office is seeking families willing to share their Halloween traditions with Japanese locals.

Yokota volunteers will be paired with Japanese families for trick-or-treating Oct. 30 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., base officials said.

Call DNS 225-7338 or e-mail 1st Lt. Warren Comer at warren.comer@yokota.af.mil to volunteer as an escort.

## Youth Essay Contest

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Children ages 9-12 may enter the Youth Essay Contest Nov. 12-24, base officials said.

The essay's subject is "I am thankful for..." and must be limited to 400 words. The top three finishers are to receive prizes. Winners will be announced Nov. 26 during the monthly celebrations at the East and West youth centers.

Call DNS 225-6397 for more information.

From staff reports



Chris Pfender, a maintenance supervisor, stacks snowboards Wednesday at the outdoor recreation office and business space in Hangar 973 at Misawa Air Base, Japan.

JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

# Misawa center setback

## Opening of indoor recreation facility pushed back to January; outdoor activities to start next week

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — The Weasel's Den, Misawa's new indoor recreation center, will open this winter in Hangar 973 but not until late January, according to base officials.

Manufacturing and shipping of the Go-Karts and climbing wall from the United States probably won't happen until sometime in January, later than anticipated, said Bob Smith, 35th Services Squadron community support flight chief.

"Everything is on order," he said.

A portion of the center, however, opens Monday. Outdoor Recreation is moving to the hangar, located behind Misawa Naval Air Facility headquarters, and Monday will begin running its equipment and van rental center there from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with a nine-hole miniature golf course and inflatable games, such as a bouncing castle and sumo wrestling.

The \$1.7 million facility, geared

toward single airmen and youth, should be especially helpful during Misawa's long winters, Smith said. "Cabin fever," he said. "We need a place to play in the winter time."

The center, when completed, will be unique in the Air Force, Smith said, "because of the Go-Karts. There's no place in the Air Force where they have an indoor Go-Kart track."

The base has ordered 14 electric Go-Karts, including four with two seats, that can travel up to 30 miles per hour. Smith notes, however, that their speed can be controlled remotely if someone is driving unsafely.

One of the biggest changes to the center's original design is a much larger climbing wall. Instead of a 10-foot bouldering wall, mostly for scrambling, base officials opted for an L-shaped climbing wall 18 feet high with an overhanging ledge, Smith said. Climbers will have to use ropes to ascend the face, though there's also a bouldering area for kids on the wall's lower portion.

Other attractions include video games, a "fun zone" for kids, an in-line skate park, an indoor roller hockey rink and a birthday party room. Admission fees will be charged only for miniature golf and Go-Karts. Cost and age limits for each activity have not been set yet, Smith said.

Also still undetermined is at what age a child can be left unsupervised at the den. Smith said officials likely will refer to the base's community standards for guidance, noting "this is not a drop zone."

Funding to renovate the hangar and for equipment comes in large part from Pacific Air Forces, officials have said, with money acquired before the military began tightening its belt to pay for the war on terror.

Space in Building 1044 once occupied by Outdoor Recreation will be used by the base honor guard and the youth gymnastics program, Smith said. He also said there will be classrooms for the youth center to use.

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## Freshmen parent night

Zama American High School will hold Freshman Parent Night at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 3.

School officials urge all freshmen and their parents to attend the informative presentation, slated for 5:30 p.m. in Zama's auditorium.

## Elementary elections

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Yokota West Elementary School will conduct its School Advisory Committee elections in November, officials said. Those interested in running for a seat can put in an application through Oct. 25. Call DNS 225-7611 or DNS 227-3307 for more information.

## The heat is on

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Heat has been turned on in all military family housing units, base officials said Thursday. But day-time temperatures still aren't cool enough to meet the standard for turning on heat in office buildings.

The average three-day daytime temperature must be below 55 degrees Fahrenheit before the heat is turned on in squadron and other office buildings on base, said Tech. Sgt. Mikal Canfield, a base spokesman.

"That has not happened yet," he said Thursday.

The standard for base housing is a daytime, three-day average below 60 degrees. Heat was turned on in base housing last week, Canfield said.

## Trespassing charges

Military police at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, charged three men Thursday with trespassing on federal property, base officials said in a news release.

The men also are suspected of poaching. Base officials said that 36th Security Forces Squadron was alerted to a possible poaching situation on the north side of the base after shots were heard.

Police found the men on federal property near the intersection of routes 3 and 3A at 4:30 a.m.

Andersen security contacted Guam Police Department after responding to the scene and were instructed to detain the suspects until officers could arrive, said 36th Security Forces Squadron commander, Maj. Ray Tembreull.

The men were turned over to Guam Police for the federal magistrate court on Guam has jurisdiction over the case, according to the release.

From staff reports



REG TYLER/Stars and Stripes

Marine Corps Capt. Nicholas Marciano reviews notes from the day's training Thursday in the ready room of Marine Electronic Warfare Squadron 1. VMAQ-1 has about two weeks remaining in a six-month stint at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan, as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

# Banshees do it best 3 years in a row

BY GREG TYLER

Stars and Stripes

IWAKUNI MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, Japan — For the third consecutive year, Marine Electronic Warfare Squadron 1 was judged the best at its job.

The Banshees of VMAQ-1 and their EA-6B Prowlers, two teams from completing six months in Japan as part of the Marine Corps Unit Deployment Program tour, call Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, N.C., their home port.

The squadron recently learned that they once again won the Royal N. Moore Award. "I can't be happier," stated Maj. Thomas Bruno, executive officer, in a Marine report released Friday. "Being out here in Iwakuni we've stayed ready for deployments and continue to train. We have kept our focus

and have not rested on our laurels. That is a testament to the men of this unit."

Although he was not sure of the exact wording of the citation, winning the award "generally means we've been judged as the overall best of the four Marine Corps electronic warfare squadrons," said Marine Capt. Nicholas Marciano, the squadron's electronics countermeasures officer and EA-6B Prowler navigator.

The squadron's mission is to "take away the eyes of the enemy" to support strike aircraft after denying the enemy use of their radar spectrum.

"I believe all our pilots enjoy flying these tactical warfare aircraft, but they aren't the type of jets that you might imagine in an aerial dogfight. If they become dangerous, we have other assets that allow us to remove ourselves from such situations," said Marciano, whose call sign is "Rocky."

He added that the EA-6B Prowler is the fastest non-afterburner jet used by the U.S. Marine Corps.

Winning the award has been a source of pride, but not an overwhelming focus, Marciano said.

"The level in day-to-day intensity is a lot higher than in other units I have been in," Capt. Chris Usher, administrative officer and pilot, stated in the report. "The reason that I see us being successful is our mission detail. The things that are not mission essential to us remain a high priority."

The Prowler community is a tightly knit group, said Banshee personnel. "We all know that we have people who will take care of us," Marciano said. "As a result, we can focus on our jobs. That's how we end up as three-time winners."

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# Explosions rock Baghdad's Green Zone

Apparent suicide bombings kill 10, including 4 Americans; separate attacks claim 2 GIs

By NADIA ABOU EL-MAGD  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents penetrated Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone and detonated explosives at a market and a popular cafe Thursday, killing 10 people, including four American civilians, in the first bombings inside the compound housing the U.S. and Iraqi government headquarters.

A top Iraqi official said the attacks appeared to have been suicide bombings.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said in Washington that four American contractors and six Iraqis were killed.

The attack raised fears over security in the compound and underscored militants' ability to strike in the capital even as U.S.-Iraqi forces step up military operations to suppress them in other parts of the country.

Earlier Thursday, a U.S. soldier was killed when his patrol in Baghdad came under small arms fire, the military said. In a separate attack, a second American soldier was killed when an improvised bomb exploded in eastern Baghdad, wounding two others, the U.S. command said. No further details were disclosed.

Iraq's most feared terrorist group, Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad, reportedly claimed responsibility for the Green Zone bombings according to a statement posted on the group's website for its Islamic center.

A U.S. military statement said the two bombs appeared to have been "hand carried" into the zone. Five people were killed, including three Americans, and 20 wounded, including one U.S. soldier, an American airman and two U.S. civilians, the statement said. Officials did not release the

nationalities of the other dead and wounded.

"This cowardly act will go unpunished," Dawoud told a news briefing at the Green Zone. "We will strike them (insurgents) wherever they are."

The Green Zone — home to about 10,000 Iraqis, as well as government officials, foreign diplomats and military personnel — is a regular target of insurgents. Mortar rounds are frequently fired at the compound and there have also been a number of deadly car bombings at its gates.

Last week, officials said an improvised bomb was found in front of the Green Zone Cafe — the same restaurant targeted Thursday — but was defused.

After Thursday's blasts, the U.S. Embassy "strongly encouraged" Americans living or working in the Green Zone to limit their movements, travel in groups, carry several means of communication and avoid the bazaar and restaurants inside the compound.

A delegation from the insurgent stronghold Fallujah suspended peace talks with the government Thursday because of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's "impossible" demand to hand over terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the city spokesman said.

Allawi warned Wednesday that Fallujah must surrender al-Zarqawi and other foreign fighters or face military attacks.

Abu Assad, spokesman for the religious council of Fallujah, said that "handing over al-Zarqawi" was an "impossible condition" since even the Americans were unable to catch him.

Elsewhere, two bombs exploded Thursday in the northern city of Mosul, targeting an Iraqi National Guard patrol and an American military convoy, witnesses



An American helicopter passes over after two explosions in the heavily fortified Green Zone in Baghdad on Thursday. The Green Zone is home to the U.S. Embassy and Iraqi government offices.

and U.S. officials said. At least two people were killed and seven others wounded.

Military spokesman Lt. Col. Paul Hastings confirmed that an Iraqi National Guard convoy was hit by a roadside bomb. Guards found another bomb at the same site and detonated it in a controlled explosion.

The second explosion happened as an American convoy was passing, but missed its target, Hastings said. Witnesses said it appeared to be a car bomb. A hospital worker, speaking on condition of anonymity, said one

Iraqi bystander was killed and another injured in the second explosion.

U.S. and Iraqi forces have stepped up military operations in Sunni militant strongholds across a wide swathe of territory north and west of Baghdad on the eve of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which last year saw a surge in rebel attacks.

U.S. warplanes struck at least three sites in Fallujah on Thursday which the command said were being used by followers of al-Zarqawi. Intelligence sources indicated one building was being used to store weapons and two were safehouses used to plan attacks, the military said.

At least five people were killed and 16 wounded in all, according to Fallujah General Hospital.

Late Thursday, Fallujah residents reported another intensive round of U.S. bombardment as the embattled city came under heavy air fire from U.S. forces.

In Ramadi, city hospital offi-

cials said Thursday eight people were killed and 17 wounded in 24 hours of fighting.

U.S. troops swept into the city west of Baghdad early Wednesday, sealing off key streets, taking position on the rooftops and searching buildings, residents said. Warplanes and helicopters hovered overhead.

Rebels fought back with gunfire and mortar blasts. Three mortars, apparently aimed at city hall, slammed into a nearby house, killing two people and wounding four, including women and children, said Dr. Alaa al-Aani of Ramadi General Hospital.

The fighting subsided Thursday morning and U.S. forces withdrew from the city, residents said. The U.S. military had no immediate comment on the clashes.

Similar raids in Baquba on Wednesday netted 10 suspects, including two people believed to be insurgent leaders in the area, said Capt. Marshall Jackson, spokesman for the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2004, 1,081 members of the U.S.

military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 825 died as a result of hostile action and 256 died of non-hostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, four; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 943 U.S. military members have died — 716 as a result of hostile action and 227 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Wednesday.

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 7,862 U.S. service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department's weekly tally.

The latest deaths reported by the military: ■ Two soldiers were killed Wednesday in a car bomb attack in Mosul.

■ One soldier was killed Wednesday when an explosive detonated in western Baghdad.

■ Three soldiers were killed Tuesday when an explosive detonated near their convoy in eastern Baghdad.

The latest identification reported by the military:

■ Army Staff Sgt. Michael L. Burbank, 34, Bremerton, Wash.; killed Monday when an explosive detonated near his vehicle in Mosul, Iraq; assigned to the 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash.

■ Army Sgt. Pamela G. Osbourne, 38, Hollywood, Fla. and Army Pfc. Anthony W. Monroe, 20, Bismarck, N.D.; killed Monday when rockets hit their camp in Baghdad, assigned to the Division Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

■ Marine Pfc. Oscar A. Martinez, 19, North Lauderdale, Fla.; killed Tuesday in Anbar province; assigned to I Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Cpl. Ian T. Zook, 24, Port St. Lucie, Fla.; killed Tuesday in Anbar province; assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

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# Surviving for a growing family

## Marine injured in Iraq becomes father of quintuplets

BY DON BABWIN  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — As Marine Sgt. Joshua Horton lay in a hospital bed across the ocean recovering from wounds he suffered in Iraq, his wife was in a maternity ward in suburban Illinois, making him a father five times over.

Horton knew his wife was expecting quintuplets, but decided it was his duty to go to Iraq last month with Marines he helped train — even if it meant leaving his wife and two children behind.

"He was taking them into combat for the first time. He wanted to get them there safely and return," said Dean Fisher, the bishop of Horton's church in Oswego, a Chicago suburb.

On Tuesday, a day after his wife Taunacy gave birth to three girls and two boys, Horton was back in the United States, but not with his family. He was transported from a hospital in Germany to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

A Marine spokesman said Horton, 28, is expected to recover but was so heavily sedated that he probably was not yet aware he is a father again.

At Edward Hospital outside Chicago, meanwhile, the quintuplets — each weighing less than 2 pounds — were in critical but stable condition.

Friends and relatives said Horton chose to put his life and family on hold to serve his country.

"This guy is my hero," said Bill Powell, a lieutenant with the Aurora Police Department, where Horton is an officer.

Like many others, Horton felt he had to do something after terrorists struck the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. Horton had been in the Marines and they thought one of them should volunteer for duty.

"They just both felt very strongly that ... somebody needed to defend our country," said Taunacy Horton's stepmother, Anne Watts.

Even though they had two children, the couple agreed Horton would enlist in the Marine Reserves.

Then came the news that Taunacy Horton, who was taking fertility drugs in the hopes of having a third child, was pregnant with quintuplets.

When Sgt. Horton's Chicago-based unit was activated in June for training in preparation for deployment to Iraq, he had a decision to make.

"One of his greatest comments was, 'There are other mothers waiting for their sons to get home and I need to give some other men relief,'" Fisher said. "Taunacy, as a military mother, she understood that and actually encouraged him."

Last Thursday, Horton was in the Babil province south of Baghdad when he was hit with either shrapnel or bullets in his torso and right leg. The military told his family someone tossed a grenade near him when he was on a house-to-house search with a handful of Marines, Watts said.

Initially, doctors were concerned they might have to amputate Horton's right foot, but Maj. Rick Coates, the unit's information officer, said they are now confident that will not be necessary.

Coates didn't know how long Horton would remain in the Naval hospital before he could be transferred to Illinois.

Coates said that Horton's decision, as strange as it might sound to someone who has not been in the military, makes sense to those who have served.

"He has, quite frankly, two families: his wife and kids, and the Marines," he said. "He felt he had two obligations: one to his family and one to the other family."

When Taunacy Horton learned of her husband's injury last week, she was able to joke with him about how her husband just couldn't stick to their plans.

When she went into labor a few days later, just 26 weeks into her pregnancy, she joked again with Fisher: "She said, 'Boy, no one is staying with the schedule.'"

## Army: More GIs face prison abuse charges

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Up to 28 U.S. soldiers face possible criminal charges in connection with the deaths of two American prisoners in a prison in Afghanistan two years ago, the Army announced Thursday.

The most serious potential charges include involuntary manslaughter and in-cluding, the Army said in a statement.

Its announcement marked completion of a nearly 2-year-old investigation into the deaths. The Army's Criminal Investigation Division recommends various charges against the 28, with some facing more serious charges than others.

So far, only one person, a military police reservist, has actually been charged in connection with the deaths. Sgt. James P. Boland of the Army Reserve's 377th Military Police Company was charged Aug. 23 with assault and dereliction of duty.

For the other 27, their commanding officers will make the final call on whether they face a court-martial, administrative discipline or no disciplinary action.

The deaths, in early December 2002, were ruled homicides by U.S. military medical examiners.

Others who are expected to face charges are from the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion. Some of the 519th went from Afghanistan to Iraq in 2003 and are among those accused by Army investigators of abusing Iraqi detainees in the fall of 2003. The Boland case involved one case of dereliction of duty in connection with the death of Mullah Habibullah, who was in detention at Bagram, Afghanistan.

# Troops take gamble to invest in future of Iraqi currency

BY JULIANA GITTLER  
Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD — In drawers and footlockers, servicemen in Iraq are hoarding millions of dinars, banking on the resurgence of the nation's year-old currency.

Many suspect the dinar's precipitous drop in the past decade could mean a huge rebound ahead. Each dinar was once worth a few dollars; they're now worth a fraction of a penny apiece.

If post-war Kuwait is any example, they might be right: A Kuwaiti dinar was valued at about a dime after the war. Each now brings in \$3.40.

Still, that's a big gamble, financial experts say. And Iraq is no Kuwait — a small, politically stable country with massive oil reserves.

Insurgents, a nascent government and extreme poverty still plague Iraq.

"If only the country turns

around," said one investor, Staff Sgt. Matthew Gadohis, of Vermont National Guardsman with the 1st Battalion, 86th Field Artillery at Camp Victory, Baghdad.

"That's the gamble," said another, Sgt. Richard Couture, from the same unit.

The two, and most soldiers they know, have picked up a few hundred thousand dinars — equivalent to a couple hundred dollars. They know others who have bought considerably more.

If the value jumps just a bit — from 1/16th of a penny to 1/8th of a penny for example, investors double their money. If it jumps to a few cents, they can start paying off mortgages, the goal for Gadohis.

He learned of the scheme from a fellow soldier who, he adds, likes to gamble.

"I was skeptical at first," Gadohis says. "But it's like playing the stock market. If it takes off, great."

Iraq has a few attributes that make it attractive. The most obvious is oil, and the fact that it could blossom into a functional country.

Still, the government could overspend and weaken the economy despite its oil. And there's always inflation to dampen the already low value.

"While that is a nice idea, soldiers probably shouldn't be currency speculators," said Michael A. Goldstein, associate professor of finance at Babson College in Massachusetts in an e-mailed

statement. "All sorts of things could happen, especially inflation in dinars. This is likely a sucker bet — if the major investment banks aren't speculating, neither should your average GI."

He points to the example in Eastern Europe after the Cold War. Gains in currency value were eroded by inflation as the countrys developed.

"One of the easiest ways to finance government expenditures is just to print more money and spend it. When the government prints more money, it causes inflation," he says.

It might also be difficult or expensive to off-load the dinars down the road. The few banks that buy foreign currency in the States charge fees for doing so, he says.

Many soldiers recognize the gamble and are prepared to wait years to see what happens.

"It's not really a big investment," says Capt. Scott Moreland, currently serving with the 1st Battalion, 185th Armor Regiment of the California National Guard in Camp Sanaa, Iraq. "Most of us have thrown a few hundred bucks at it to see what happens. Your odds are better than they are in Vegas."

He adds that Department of Defense savings programs are probably a better bet.

Military investors should note that U.S. customs laws

require them to declare if they bring home more than the equivalent of \$10,000 in any currency.

And post offices in theater forbid mailing currency home. But there is no Department of Defense regulation to stop them, according to military officials.

The quick-draw idea isn't limited to those serving in Iraq.

On the auction Web site eBay, dinars sell for marginally more than the going rate. A recent sale collected \$75 for 100,000 dinars. Under the current exchange rate, that amount should cost about \$68.

Scores of vendors online have been set up just to sell dinars. In one case, a million dinars, worth about \$685, was on sale for \$895.

One of these sites sums up the efforts in its name: Bet on Iraq.

Its Web site adds a caveat: "We sell genuine currency that, in our opinion, stands a good chance of appreciating in value. We can offer no guarantee of a return on investment."

Goldstein adds that as a gamble the idea isn't crazy, but it's certainly not a wise investment.

"Short answer — don't do this with more money than you usually have in one evening's poker game."

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## IN THE STATES

## Health care, economy hot debate topics

BY DAN BALZ  
AND JIM VANDEHEI

The Washington Post

TEMPE, Ariz. — President Bush and John Kerry battled sharply over domestic issues Wednesday night in the final debate of the 2004 campaign. The Democratic nominee charged that the president has compiled a record of failure on the economy and health care, and Bush accused Kerry of a Senate record that is both out of the mainstream and lacking in accomplishment.

Kerry repeatedly sought to put Bush on the defensive, charging that he has allowed the economy to go backward, has turned budget surpluses into deficits and has stood by as millions of Americans have lost their health insurance.

The president tried to parry those attacks by challenging Kerry's record during his 20 years in the Senate, accusing him of repeatedly voting to raise taxes, of failing to do anything significant to reform health care and of favoring health care changes that would greatly enhance the federal government's power.

"He's ... the only president in 72 years to lose jobs — 1.6 million jobs lost," Kerry said. "He's the only president to have incomes of families go down for the last three years, the only president to see exports go down, the only president to see the lowest level of business investment in our country as it is today. Now, I'm going to reverse that. I'm going to change that. We're going to restore the fiscal discipline we had in the 1990s."

Bush scoffed at Kerry's statements, saying, "His rhetoric doesn't match his record. He's been a senator for 20 years. He voted to increase taxes 98 times. When they tried to reduce taxes, he voted against that 127 times. He talks about being a fiscal conservative, or fiscally sound, but he voted over — he voted 277 times to waive the budget caps, which would have cost the taxpayers \$4.2 trillion."

Wednesday's 90-minute debate came as the presidential race has become significantly more competitive with Kerry using the first two debates to eliminate what had been a Bush lead of about five percentage points in national polls. The latest Washington Post-ABC News tracking poll, completed before the debate, showed Kerry at 49 percent and Bush at 48 percent among likely voters the first time since Kerry has begun in that poll since early August.

With the debates behind them, the candidates will begin a three-week run that will take them through fewer than a dozen truly competitive battleground states as they attempt to appeal to

the relatively small pool of undecided voters and mobilize their strongest supporters for a wide spread-get-out-the-vote operation.

The debate, held at Arizona State University and moderated by Bob Schieffer of CBS News, covered broad terrain, with the candidates discussing Social Security, education, gun control, affirmative action, same-sex marriage, immigration, abortion and the lack of flu vaccine.

The heart of the debate was bread-and-butter issues, with Kerry arguing that Bush has favored the wealthy over the middle class with tax cuts and the president warning middle-class voters that a Kerry administration would mean higher taxes not only on the wealthy but on average Americans as well.

Describing Kerry's talk as "bait and switch" politics, "You know, they're going to go to the mainstream in American politics and you sit right on the far left bank," Bush said.

"As a matter of fact, your record is such that Ted Kennedy, your colleague, is the conservative senator from Massachusetts."

Kerry was equally dismissive of Bush's criticisms, saying the president "walks on by" the nation's economic problems.

"Being lectured by the president on fiscal responsibility is a little bit like Tony Soprano talking to me about law and order in this country," he said.

In one of the sharpest exchanges, Kerry warned that Bush's plan to allow workers to put a small percentage of their Social Security taxes into private investment accounts is "an invitation to disaster" that would cost too much and be too risky. Bush has not detailed a plan, but experts say any plan to partly privatize the system would carry a short-term cost of at least \$1 trillion and perhaps twice that amount to make up for the shortfall during the transition.

Bush said Kerry's plan to do nothing would be far more dangerous.

"I want to warn my fellow citizens: The cost of doing nothing, the cost of saying the current system is OK, far exceeds the costs of trying to make sure we save the system for our children," Bush said.

Kerry said he would rely on robust fiscal growth to increase government revenue and extend the life of the program.

On health care, Bush said an independent study showed that Kerry's plan would cost more than \$1 trillion, add 20 million Americans to government health care rolls and lead to lower-quality care.

"We have a fundamental difference of opinion," he said. "I think government-run health will lead to poor-quality health, will lead to rationing, will lead to less choice."

Kerry called Bush's claims inaccurate and said the president's campaign has consistently distorted what his plan would do. "The fact is that my health-care plan, America, is very simple," he said. "It gives you the choice. I don't force you to do anything. It's not a government plan. The government doesn't require you to do anything. You choose your doctor. You choose your plan. If you don't want to take the offer of the plan that I want to put forward, you don't have to."

The candidates greatly disagree on cultural issues, including same-sex marriage, abortion and, to a lesser extent, gun control. In the clearest test to date, Kerry said he would impose a litmus test on judicial selections to protect abortion rights. "I'm not going to appoint a judge to the court who's going to undo a constitutional right, whether it's the First Amendment, or the Fifth Amendment, or some other right that's given under our courts today — under the Constitution," he said. "And I believe that the

right of choice is a constitutional right."

Bush said he would not impose any litmus test on judges, but was less clear about whether he would push to overturn Roe vs. Wade.

Kerry said, "I will not allow somebody to come in and change Roe v. Wade."

Bush criticized Kerry for refusing to support efforts such as the ban on what opponents call "partial birth" abortion to reduce the number of legal abortions each year. "I understand there's great differences on this issue of abortion, but I believe reasonable people can come together and put good law in place that will help reduce the number of abortions," Bush said.

On the politically charged issue of same-sex marriage, Bush defended his support for a constitutional amendment banning the practice and warned that judges were trying to redefine marriage. "I proposed a constitutional amendment. The reason I did so was because I was worried that activist judges are actually defining

the definition of marriage, and the surest way to protect marriage between a man and woman is to amend the Constitution," he said.

Kerry said he thinks they are. "I think if you were to talk to Dick Cheney's daughter, who is a lesbian, she would tell you that she's being who she was born as," he said.

The Democratic nominee said he believes marriage is between a man and woman, too, but reiterated his opposition to amending the constitution. "I also believe that because we are the United States of America, we're a country with a great, unbelievable Constitution, with rights that we afford people, that you can't discriminate in the workplace."

The Democratic Party was quick to publicize what it called a debate "threepeat" for Kerry.

A top official in President Bush's campaign conceded Thursday, but insisted that any advantage would prove fleeting.

Bush and his Democratic rival set out on a 19-day campaign sprint to Election Day.

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# Some statements far from accurate

## Candidates find ways to stretch truth

BY CALVIN WOODWARD

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The last presidential debate highlighted words President Bush forgot he had spoken, a meeting John Kerry thought never happened, but did, and a refusal on both sides to back off questionable statements that have practically become classics through repetition.

Kerry claimed once more that Bush has lost 1.6 million jobs, about twice as many as have actually disappeared. The persistent discrepancy comes from his not saying that the losses he speaks of are in the private sector, and are mitigated by job gains in public service. He let go of another regular misstatement, however, this time using an accurate figure on the cost of the Iraq war.

Bush again declared of his opponent, "He voted to increase taxes 98 times," which should not be taken at all to mean Kerry has voted for that many tax increases. Independent analysis has found the list of 98 includes multiple votes for single measures and votes that set targets without having any effect on the tax code.

Beyond those familiar features of the debates, ads and more, the candidates slipped or stretched in fresh ways in their final encounter before the Nov. 2 election.

Kerry accurately quoted Bush as saying he does not think much about Osama bin Laden and is not all that concerned about him. The actual quote protested, "I just don't think I ever said I'm not worried about Osama bin Laden. It's kind of one of those exaggerations."

But in March 2002, Bush indeed said, "I truly am not that concerned about him. I know he is on the run." He described the terrorist leader as "marginalized," and said, "I just don't spend that much time on him."

Kerry, trying to show Bush has paid too little heed to civil rights, stated flatly, "This is a president who hasn't met with the black congressional caucus." Actually, Bush met the Congressional Black Caucus at the White House within two weeks of taking office, and called his opponent on it.

Also in the debate:

■ Kerry declared, "I have a plan to cover all Americans" with health insurance, but even his campaign does not contend his blueprint would eliminate the ranks of the uninsured. Independent analysts say full implementation of Kerry's plan would extend coverage to about 25 million of the nearly 45 million uninsured.

He also said Bush has cut Pell grants, but later altered the accusation when the president pointed out accurately that about 1 million more students are getting the aid than when he took office.

■ Bush talked about how he signed the bill creating the Homeland Security Department, putting that on his list of actions that have made the country safer. But he was a convert to that cause, at first opposing the massive government reorganization.

■ Kerry reverted to what is believed to be the accurate figure for the cost of the Iraq war so far, after he and his running mate John Edwards had been suggesting \$20 billion had already been spent.

■ Bush acknowledged his current support for a constitutional amendment mandating marriage as a union between a man and a woman without acknowledging that back in the 2000 Republican primary, he said the issue of banning gay marriage belonged to the states. It's a position Vice President Dick Cheney still holds today.

Associated Press writer Siobhan McDonough contributed to this report.



Democratic candidate Sen. John Kerry, left, and President Bush face off Wednesday in Tempe, Ariz., for the third and final presidential debate.

# Lovers vs. haters

## Voters' affection or dislike for Bush will decide election

BY MICHAEL TACKETT

The Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — After the third and final debate of this presidential campaign, the race in many ways can be reduced to this: a contest between the lovers and the haters.

The lovers are those who hold great affection for George W. Bush, his philosophy of government, his socially conservative beliefs and his resolve on issues like Iraq and the war on terror. The haters are those who can't stand the president for precisely the same reasons.

There hasn't been a grand embrace of challenger John Kerry, and even in the waning days before the election, a Kerry agenda is still not easy to define.

But if the country were electing a debater-in-chief, after three rounds, most would give the title to the Democrat.

His performances were more even and consistent, his presentation of facts and command of issues more clear. On this night, his burden was obvious: to persuade people to deny the president a second term, to point out with precision what the haters hate most.

The motivation to vote against someone is often more powerful than the desire to vote for someone, and in that sense, the president faces a perilous finish to his campaign. He will be relying on his legion of lovers and hope that the haters have hit the wall. He is still stoking the energy of Republican partisans, painting Kerry with the familiar "out of the mainstream" brush, while Kerry seems to believe there are still people to be won over in the increasingly small lane in the middle of the road, especially undecided women voters.

The 90-minute session focused almost entirely on the issues that form the fault lines of American politics — abortion, affirmative

action, gay marriage, faith, taxes and the role of government in health care and education. On each of those issues, the debate served to outline distinct differences between the two men.

Of all the things that voters might say they lack when they

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cast ballots in November, a clear

choice should not be one of them. The incumbent president in a time of war and a troubled economy faced the greater challenge to defend his record. There were simply more targets for Kerry to attack. But the president also played on the dangers the nation faces as part of his contention that a chance for Kerry is not a chance worth taking.

Yet the president was put on the defensive several times, especially about the economy. Asked what he might say to a worker who had lost a job to outsourcing to a foreign country with lower wages, the president responded that education was the best kind of government jobs program in the long run. How that will play in states like Ohio, Pennsylvania and Missouri, which have lost tens of thousands of manufacturing jobs, is unclear.

On social issues, the president was far clearer in ways that will no doubt help him energize Republican partisans, but might be unlikely to win over many in the shrinking pool of undecided voters. He said he didn't know if homosexuality were a "choice" as opposed to a birthright, but he reiterated his call for a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage. In addition, he refused the chance to say that a woman had a constitutional right to choose on abortion.

That provided a clear opening to Kerry to appeal to women voters, whom polls suggest have

been gravitating toward the Democrat since the first debate in Coral Gables, Fla., last month. Kerry said he would only support a justice to the Supreme Court who believed in the constitutional right to an abortion.

Each candidate clearly entered the debate with a couple of loaded lines that they were ready to fire off at an appropriate moment.

Neither man's effort was particularly successful, but the president's almost-forced efforts to caricature Kerry as a Massachusetts liberal to the left of Sen. Ted Kennedy appeared to fall decidedly flat, except to the hard-core partisans who can never hear enough of that kind of talk.

They do not doubt also enjoyed Bush's dig at the integrity of the major broadcast network news operations. For his part, Kerry's analogy to Tony Soprano is unlikely to be part of any permanent debate highlight reel either.

Wednesday's debate in Tempe likely signaled the last big national moment of the campaign, the final time when millions of Americans paid intense attention to the race. The candidates are likely to revert to rote of their stump speeches and the grind of travel from tarmac to tarmac, narrowcast to hit as many select television markets as possible. Good morning, Dayton. Good morning, Des Moines.

Incumbents who don't win debates — Gerald Ford in 1976, Jimmy Carter in 1980 and George H.W. Bush in 1992 — haven't fared well on Election Day. There is a presumption in the electorate that presidents are supposed to be able to perform on television under pressure.

They are supposed to be able not only to defend their term in office but also to persuade that they deserve another. The president has three more weeks to make that case.

# Justice Department asks for extension of deadline for overseas voters from Penn.

The Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A federal judge will hear arguments next week on a request by the Justice Department to give military families and overseas voters in Pennsylvania until after the Nov. 2 election to submit absentee ballots for president.

U.S. District Judge Yvette Kane set the hearing for Tuesday after a state court knocked Ralph Nader off Pennsylvania's presidential ballot.

The judge had initially declined to rule if the request until state courts resolved whether Nader could be listed on the ballot as an independent presidential candidate.

On Wednesday, a state court re-

moved Nader from the ballot, citing thousands of fraudulent signatures and including "Mickey Mouse" and "Fred Flintstone."

The federal government had asked that voters be given extra time to cast ballots because of confusion over Nader's candidacy.

The Justice Department contended that Nader's on-again-off-again status caused some counties last month to mail ballots that listed him as a candidate while others sent ballots that omitted his name.

An extension of the deadline for overseas ballots could delay the counting of the presidential vote if the contest for Pennsylvania's 21 electoral votes — the nation's fifth-largest prize — is as close as some polls suggest.

# U.S. trade deficit second-highest in history

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit, propelled by a record foreign oil bill, surged to \$54 billion in August, the second-highest level in history. The politically sensitive deficit with China hit a new high as American retailers upped their orders for cell phones, toys and televisions.

The Commerce Department said the August deficit in goods and services was 6.9 percent higher than a \$50.5 billion imbalance in July. A small 0.1 percent rise in exports was dwarfed by a 2.5 percent jump in imports.

For the year, America's trade deficit is running at a record annual rate of \$590 billion, 19 percent higher than the previous record, last year's \$496.5 billion imbalance.

Imports climbed 2.5 percent to a record \$150.1 billion in August, reflecting a 12.2 percent jump in petroleum shipments, which rose to a record \$15.6 billion last month.

U.S. exports edged up 0.1 percent to \$96 billion in August following an even larger 3 percent gain in July. Economists are hoping that an improving global econ-

omy will lift sales of American goods overseas. Sales of American cars and auto parts hit a record, rising to \$7.8 billion in August.

The U.S. trade performance has become an issue in the presidential race with Democratic challenger John Kerry charging that President Bush has not done enough to protect American workers from unfair trade practices from low wage countries such as China.

In Wednesday night's final debate, Kerry criticized Bush for failing to pursue an unfair trade

practice complaint against China on the grounds that it has rigged its currency system to keep the yuan undervalued by as much as 40 percent against the U.S. dollar, giving Chinese products a huge competitive advantage against American goods.

In a second economic report, the Labor Department said the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits rose by 15,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted level of 352,000.

The four-week moving average of claims, which smooths out

weekly changes, rose by 4,000 to a seven-month high of 352,000.

The report on jobless claims reflects a labor market that is continuing to confound economists' expectations. The country added a lower-than-expected 96,000 jobs in September as the unemployment rate held steady at 5.4 percent.

In August, the trade deficit with China climbed to a record \$18.1 billion, pushed higher by a surge in demand for cell phones, toys and games, televisions and VCRs, reflecting efforts by U.S. retailers to stock their shelves in advance of the holiday shopping season.

## Elderly get priority for scarce flu shots

Drug store diverts supply to nursing home

BY MICHELLE SPITZER  
The Associated Press

JOHNSTON, Iowa — Health officials are scurrying to secure flu vaccines so the elderly, who are most vulnerable to influenza, have first access to shots after the nation's supply was cut in half.

"We're begging, borrowing and stealing from every source we can get up with," said Paula Frank, a clinical consulting nurse for the Bishop Drumm Retirement Center.

The 150 nursing home residents at the continuing care complex, owned by Mercy Medical Center, are getting flu shots this week after the Walgreens drug store chain diverted a batch of vaccine bound for its stores.

Walgreens decided to divert its supply in response to a request from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which asked healthy adults to forgo flu shots this year to ensure that those most at risk would get them.

"We've tried to follow the CDC guidelines and at the top of their

list is people over the age of 65," said Michael Polzon, spokesman for Walgreens. "These retirement homes were also a good match for the amount we had."

The elderly are among those most at risk, said Dr. Patricia Quinlisk, state epidemiologist. "As you get older, your immune system gets older, too, and you are not able to withstand any kind of disease as you are when you are younger," she said.

Over a five-year period ended in 2003, Iowa tallied 4,526 deaths from flu and pneumonia, of those, 4,235 were 65 and older.

It's a critical concern in a state that ranks fourth in the nation in the percentage of its population 65 and older. According to the 2000 Census, 14.9 percent of Iowans are in that age group.

Anne Langill, 88, a nursing home resident at Bishop Drumm, said she was never concerned she wouldn't get a flu shot.

"I thought that the people who really needed it would get it first," Langill said. "If anyone here got it, then there would have to be special efforts to get it (the vaccine) to us."



Anne Langill, 88, one of 150 residents in the Bishop Drumm Retirement Center in Johnston, Iowa, are getting flu shots this week after the Walgreens drug store chain diverted a batch of vaccine.

## Producer accuses O'Reilly of sexual harassment

The Associated Press

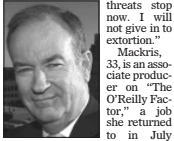
NEW YORK — Bill O'Reilly, whose Fox News Channel show is the highest-rated cable news program, has been accused of sexual harassment by one of his producers. O'Reilly says the complaint is a politically motivated extortion attempt.

Both sides filed lawsuits Wednesday with the woman, Andrea Mackris, saying the commentator had phone sex with her against her wishes three times.

In his claim against Mackris and her attorney, Benedict Morelli, O'Reilly said Morelli demanded \$60 million in "hush money" to not file the lawsuit.

"As a public figure, I have received many threats," he said.

"But enough is enough ... The



O'Reilly

threats stop now. I will not give in to extortion," Mackris, 33, is an associate producer on "The O'Reilly Factor," a job she returned to in July after a short stint at CNN.

During a phone conversation this August, Mackris, 33, said O'Reilly suggested she be a vibrator and was clearly excited.

Before hanging up, she said, O'Reilly told her: "I appreciate the fun phone call."

She contended he made a simi-

lar call Sept. 21, ending that one by saying: "Next time you'll come up to my hotel room and we'll make this happen."

O'Reilly's lawyer, Ronald Green, said he believes there are tapes of conversations between the two and asked a court to compel Mackris to produce them so they could be played publicly.

Morelli would not comment on whether any taped phone conversations existed. Besides the attempt for money, O'Reilly charged that his accuser and her lawyer were trying to embarrass him and Fox News Channel three weeks before the election. Morelli, he said, is a contributor to the Democratic Party; "The O'Reilly Factor" is a particular favorite among Republican viewers.

## 'Three-strikes' revisited

LOS ANGELES — California voters are taking a second whack at "three-strikes" guidelines a decade after they first passed the nation's toughest sentencing law.

In essence, Proposition 66 turns on the question of how justice should be administered: Is the goal retribution, or another chance? "If this thing passes, you're looking at a wholesale bloodbath," said Mike Reynolds, who galvanized California's three-strikes movement following his daughter's 1992 murder.

The ballot measure is among the most hard-fought of the 16 propositions that Californians will decide this year. The emotionally charged campaign has included opponents sending out mug shots of the most egregious

criminals they say would be immediately back on the streets.

Polling suggests voters may opt to change current law. A poll released Wednesday shows nearly two-thirds of likely voters support the proposition.

## Suspect used visa

TRENTON, N.J. — A senior al-Qaida operative accused of conducting surveillance on U.S. financial buildings as possible terror targets had entered the United States on a student visa, according to a newspaper report.

FBI agent Joseph Billy Jr. told The Record of Bergen County that the suspect, a 29-year-old man, was one of the operatives living in New Jersey and attended several schools there while carrying out the reconnaissance operation.

From The Associated Press



## IN THE WORLD

## 1 Chinese hostage freed in Pakistani raid; 1 dies

BY AHSANULLAH WAZIR  
The Associated Press

CHAGMALAI, Pakistan — Pakistani special forces attacked kidnappers holding two Chinese engineers near the Afghan border on Thursday, killing all five of the al-Qaida-linked militants, who were followers of a former Guantanamo Bay prisoner. One of the hostages was killed in the raid, while the other survived.

Security forces later launched a manhunt for the militants' leader, Abdullah Mehsud, who was believed hiding in mountains while his men held the hostages for six days in the nearby village of Chagmalai, officials said.

"The masterminds behind this terrorist attack will be pursued relentlessly and meted out the most severe punishment," President Gen. Pervez Musharraf said. Commandos raided a house

where the militants were holding the hostages after shots were heard coming from inside. Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said.

"This raised fears that the kidnappers had started violence against the Chinese," he said. "The security forces then stormed and killed all five kidnappers and freed the Chinese."

However, resident Abid Mehsud told The Associated Press that dozens of special forces soldiers, disguised as local tribesmen, surrounded the mud-brick house and opened fire when three of the kidnappers came outside to talk on a two-way radio.

The troops then lobbed a tear gas grenade into the house and one of the Chinese hostages ran out and made it to safety. The two surviving militants then emerged, holding the other Chinese man in front of them.

"The troops fired at them and they all fell to the ground," Mehsud said, though he added it was not clear whether the soldiers' fire had killed the hostage, or whether the militants had shot him.

Ahmed said the kidnappers had shot the Chinese man, Yang Peng.

China's state-run Xinhua news agency said the survivor, Wang Ende, had been taken to the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad.

Abdullah Mehsud, 28, returned to Pakistan in March after two years' detention at the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Pakistani officials say he has forged ties with al-Qaida since then.

It was unclear why U.S. authorities released Mehsud, who has used an artificial leg since losing one to a land mine while fighting for the Taliban. He became a rebel leader when he returned to South Waziristan.



Pakistani tribal leader and militant Abdullah Mehsud is reportedly hiding in South Waziristan region of Pakistan's tribal belt along Afghanistan. Mehsud allegedly masterminded the kidnapping of two Chinese engineers.

## EU backs U.S. tax bill

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union welcomed final passage in the U.S. Congress of a repealing congressional subsidies ruled illegal by the World Trade Organization, but said Thursday it was too soon to lift punitive tariffs on U.S. goods.

EU trade spokesman Arancha Gonzalez also said the EU was concerned about the bill's transition period, until 2007, for ending subsidies as well as "grandfathering clauses" allowing some beneficiaries of the breaks to continue receiving them.

## Albanian crash kills 14

TIRANA, Albania — A bus carrying high school students from Kosovo back from an excursion crashed into another vehicle and tumbled off a cliff in northern Albania on Thursday, killing at least 14 passengers and injuring up to three dozen others, police and health officials said.

The bus was bringing about 50 teenagers back to neighboring Kosovo after a field trip in Albania when it went over the cliff in Pushe Arrez, 105 miles north of the capital, Tirana, a police spokesman said.

## Raid uncovers Ecstasy

TALLINN, Estonia — Estonian police discovered more than 300,000 tablets of Ecstasy in a raid on a suspected drug laboratory on Thursday.

The drug lab raided Wednesday in southwestern Estonia had been under surveillance for months. Eight people were arrested.

## Terror assets frozen

LONDON — The Bank of England is ordering a freeze on any assets belonging to a terrorist group that claimed responsibility for kidnapping and killing two Americans and a Briton in Iraq, Treasury chief Gordon Brown said Thursday.

From The Associated Press

## Taiwan denies experimenting with nukes

BY STEPHAN GRAUWELS  
The Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Taiwan on Thursday denied that the island's nuclear weapons program — abandoned in the 1980s — involved experimenting with separating plutonium.

Diplomats in Vienna, Austria, said on Wednesday that inspectors with the International Atomic Energy Agency have found samples indicating that plutonium experiments were done about 20 years ago in Taiwan.

But Yang Chao-ye, deputy

chairman of the Taiwanese Cabinet's Atomic Energy Council, said the experiments didn't happen. Scientists only researched the possibility of making nuclear arms, Yang said.

"We never made any plutonium separation experiments, not in the 1980s, and not earlier," Yang said. "The program was just research," he said, without elaborating. The plutonium produced inside a nuclear reactor has to be separated and purified before it can be used in a nuclear weapon.

Officials at the Vienna-based

IAEA said they would not comment on the remarks by the diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The nuclear project — which started in the 1960s, stopped in the 1970s and was briefly revived in the 1980s — has long been common knowledge on the island.

Andrew Yang, a defense analyst at the Chinese Council of Advanced Policy Studies, a Taipei think tank, said the Taiwanese scientists were trying to process plutonium before the project was shut down under U.S. pressure. It was closed shortly after a Taiwan-

ese military officer, Chang Hsien-yi, defected to America in 1988 with information about the program, the analyst said.

Atomic Energy Council Deputy Chairman Yang said the government now has a policy of complete openness with the IAEA inspectors. "We completely agree to all the requests the inspectors make, wherever they want to go, whenever they want to go. We agree to anything," he said. The agency's inspections and testing were being conducted as part of voluntary extra controls on Taiwan's peaceful nuclear program agreed to by the government.

## Afghan officials begin counting the vote

BY STEPHAN GRAHAM  
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Vote counting in Afghanistan's presidential election got under way Thursday, five days after a landmark vote meant to cement a new era of stability after more than two decades of strife.

A top election official said about three-quarters of the 10.5 million Afghans who registered for the election turned out to vote — despite threats of violence.

Ballot boxes have flooded in to the counting centers by road, air and even donkey from across the rugged, impoverished country.

The head of the Afghan-U.N. electoral commission cut the seal on the first box opened in

the capital, Kabul, to begin the tallying process to determine the country's first popularly elected head of state.

Counting also started in four regional centers: the northern cities of Kunduz and Mazar-e-Sharif, eastern Gardez and the main southern city of Kandahar.

The remaining three counting centers were expected to begin work by Saturday. U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said 95 percent of the ballot boxes have reached the counting centers.

Reginald Austin, the top adviser to the joint election commission, said the first "substantial" results could emerge in about a week. Austin said initial information from polling stations

indicated that "nearly 8 million" people cast ballots, a turnout of between 75 and 80 percent. Karzai, who enjoys strong international backing and is seeking to bridge the war-ravaged nation's deep ethnic divides, is widely believed to have won, possibly with the absolute majority needed to avoid a run-off.

Officials had stalled the start of vote counting while a panel of foreign experts sifted through several dozen complaints of alleged irregularities from the 16 candidates, including front-runner, U.S.-backed incumbent Hamid Karzai.

None of their complaints appear serious enough to invalidate final results expected by Oct. 31.

Some ballot boxes have not been retrieved yet from far-flung regions, and the count may take time even after they do.

## U.N.: Africa should brace for AIDS time bomb

BY ANTHONY MITCHELL  
The Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Africa must brace itself for an AIDS time bomb as 8,000 people are infected with HIV a day in the region most hurt by the pandemic, the United Nations warned Thursday.

Seventy percent of the 45 million people worldwide infected with HIV live in sub-Saharan Africa — even though the region is home to only 11 percent of the world's population, said a fund set up to combat three of the world's most devastating diseases.

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AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria said that per capita growth in half of the countries in sub-Saharan Africa is falling by 0.5 to 1.2 percent each year as a direct result of AIDS. By 2010, per capita GDP in some of the hardest-hit countries may drop by 8 percent and per capita consumption may fall even farther, the Geneva-based

fund said.

"If we think we are seeing an impact today, we have to brace ourselves because it is set to get very much worse in the future," warned Alan Whiteside, member of a commission set up by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to deal with HIV/AIDS and governance in Africa.



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# Is he for real?

## 'Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow' creator flies into the future of filmmaking

BY WILLIAM BLOCH

The Washington Post

LOS ANGELES — He is like that guy who worked in your office once, the shy tech-geek, the temp down in IT. Until very recently, that guy was Kerry Conran.

For more than a decade, Conran was the computer nerd at a series of temporary jobs at newspapers and magazines, living in his little apartment in the San Fernando Valley. He didn't want money. No, he wanted to barter for his services, for 3-D graphic software and hard drives with megacity.

"Every job I took, it was with computer parts in mind," he says. "And that's how I built my Frankenstein."

Conran never cared much about rebooting your system. Rather, he was imagining, with a kind of mad scientist desire, rebooting the entire movie industry.

And now the world can see what Conran has wrought, with the release of "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow," a movie the writer-director began envisioning when he was 10 years old.

It is a fantastical and original piece of work, that feels at once comfortable and

nostalgic but weird and new. Set in 1939, it stars Jude Law as the dashing Sky Captain, Gwyneth Paltrow as the plucky reporter Polly Perkins and Angelina Jolie as the eye-patched Franky Cook.

The actors are real. But everything else in the movie has been created on a computer. No locations. No sets. Every backdrop and scene that appears in the movie — the giant robots marching down Sixth Avenue; the hanging gardens of Shangri-La; the undersea lair of the evil mastermind Totenkopf; Radio City Music Hall — exist only on a hard drive, put together from a mélange of photographs, paintings and animation.

The actors spent 26 days on a soundstage in London (most movies shoot for three or four months), performing their scenes against a completely blue background, blue from floor to wall to ceiling, a blank canvas. And then Conran and his team added everything else — the zeppelin docking at the Empire State Building, the tiny elephant that could fit into the palm of your hand, the flying aircraft carrier, the undersea monsters.

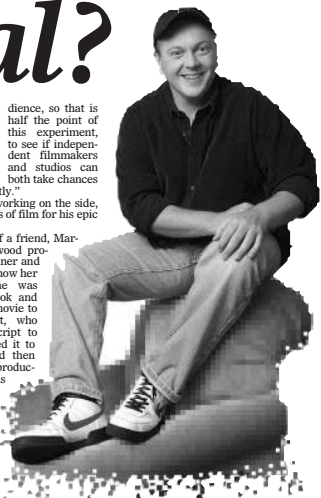
"The studios today are in this awkward and horrible position where films cost so much money to make, they have to be cautious so they can appeal to the broadest au-

dience, so that is half the point of this experiment, to see if independent filmmakers and studios can both take chances again, to think differently."

After four years of working on the side, Conran had six minutes of film for his epic animated film.

One night a friend of a friend, Marsha Oglesby, a Hollywood producer, came by for dinner and persuaded Conran to show her the six minutes. She was blown away by its look and feel. She showed the movie to her boss, Jon Avnet, who showed it and the script to Jude Law, who showed it to Gwyneth Paltrow, and then they brought in Italian producer Aurelio De Laurentiis for financing and Paramount bought the domestic rights.

The industry trades estimate the movie eventually cost \$70 million to make. Not cheap. Conran says he is not an accountant, shrugs and says, "What the movie cost is one-quarter to one-third of a live-action summer movie like 'Van Helsing' or 'Spider-Man.'"



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## WEDNESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES					
52-week	High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg
18,553.61	9,491.72	-	Dow Jones Industrials	10,600.33	+1.68
3,389.29	2,741.46	-	Dow Jones Transportation	2,825.43	-56.55
6,786.12	3,812.25	-	Dow Jones Utilities	299.13	-3.14
1,291.81	1,014.65	-	NVSE Composite	6,556.53	-53.18
2,153.81	1,759.82	-	Amex Index	1,273.40	-3.56
1,162.23	947.42	-	Nasdaq Composite	1,500.53	-4.64
696.42	593.88	-	S&P 500	1,113.65	-8.19
1,371.11	9,890.89	-	Russell 2000	560.42	-7.29
		-	Wilshire 5000	10,881.01	-41.95

NYSE					AMEX					NASDAQ				
Most Active (\$1 or more)					Most Active (\$1 or more)					Most Active (\$1 or more)				
Name	Vol	(00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	(00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	(00)	Last	Chg
Alcor	317,256	142	+3.44		NasdaqIntl	128,535	35.65	-0.7		Intel	147,228	20.99	+7.1	
Pfizer	293,933	29,055	-3.1		Goldman	128,340	78.94	-0.8		Sales	53,023	3.14	-8.1	
Accretion	289,623	21,317	-2.88		Microsoft	121,867	34.74	+3.4		Cisco	72,318	18.86	-3.9	
Calpine	272,096	7,133	-0.18		Amazon	89,919	113.73	-1.7		Yahoo's	49,826	34.86	-4.3	
Merck	238,716	38,497	-2.88		Google	89,919	113.73	-1.7		Microsoft	45,811	20.13	-1.8	
Nokia	166,883	11,588	+4.16		SP Eqty	79,795	34.70	+0.4		Palantir	45,811	16.29	+3.2	
Exelon	156,887	21,743	+3.41		Goldman	78,934	78.94	-0.8		Microsoft	45,811	20.13	-1.8	
Genetec	150,811	33,371	-3.1		SP Eqty	79,795	34.70	+0.4		Palantir	45,811	16.29	+3.2	
Trinet	140,338	48,488	-39.1		Goldman	78,934	78.94	-0.8		Microsoft	45,811	20.13	-1.8	
Cliff	130,825	44,111	-39.1		Wheaton	42,189	1.98	-0.6		Sumitomo	32,698	4.82	-0.6	
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KEY DEFENSE STOCKS					
Name	Vol	(00)	Last	Chg	YTD % Chg
Alcatel	37,223	36	-1.7		
Airbus	40,413	327	+52.1		
Bombardier	16	262.23	+11.52		
Computer Sciences	17	47.96	-38	-4.4	
Engineered Air Sys	24	19	-2.7	-14.1	
General Dynamics	144	188.19	-139	-11.9	
General Electric	80	22	37.1	-11	
Halliburton	38	33.78	-32	-20.9	
Lockheed Martin	48	37.67	-45.8		
Raytheon	22	32.17	-1.31	-4.1	
United Technologies	20	62.87	-33.3	-24.4	
Lockheed Martin	1,801	21	84.66	-38	-4.1
Northrop	30	70	35.58	-48	-15.6
Boeing	16	22	38.55	-39	-4.1
Raytheon	30	70	35.58	-48	-15.6
United Technologies	20	62.87	-33.3	-24.4	
Lockheed Martin	1,801	21	84.66	-38	-4.1
Northrop	30	70	35.58	-48	-15.6
Boeing	16	22	38.55	-39	-4.1
Raytheon	30	70	35.58	-48	-15.6
United Technologies	20	62.87	-33.3	-24.4	

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS					
Name	Vol	(00)	Last	Chg	YTD % Chg
Fidelity Invest: Global	36,88	-23	-11.9		
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Fidelity Invest: Global	36,88	-23	-11.9		
Fidelity Invest: Global	36,88	-23	-11.9		
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## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Oct. 15)	107.00
South Korean won (Oct. 14)	1,178.37
Euro (Oct. 14)	1.2614
British pound (Oct. 14)	1.5184
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	1.3737
British pound	1.5184
Canada (Dollar)	1.2574
Denmark (Krone)	6.5698
Egypt (Pound)	6.2352
Euro	1.2138
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7814
Hungary (Forint)	20.20
Island (Dollar)	70.715
Israel (Shekel)	4.4603
Japan (Yen)	106.69
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947
Norway (Krone)	6.7129
Philippines (Peso)	66.43
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7499
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2859
South Korea (Won)	1,147.39
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2625
Thailand (Baht)	41.34
Turkey (Lira)	1,492,537.00

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance. For nonlocal currency exchange rates, check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc. close	
Gold	\$413.20
Silver	\$56.87

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.75
Discount rate	2.75
Federal funds market rate	1.75
2-month bill	1.72
3-year bond	4.86

Source: The Associated Press, Bank of America

Cents and Sensibility  
Money tip of the day

## Evaluate financial fitness

**CBS MarketWatch**  
NEW YORK — Physical fitness is important for your health. Being financially fit is also important, no matter what your lifestyle.

Before you get your finances in order, you need to analyze how well you're already doing. Steven B. Smith, author of the new "Money for Life Success Planner," offers the following questions you can seek yourself to evaluate your progress.

1. What percentage of your income do you save each month?
  - (a) 10 percent or more
  - (b) Less than 10 percent
  - (c) None
2. How many times during the past six months have you paid a bill late?
  - (a) None
  - (b) One to five
  - (c) Six or more
3. How many credit cards or store cards do you have?
  - (a) Three or fewer
  - (b) Four to six
  - (c) Seven or more

4. If you lost your job or main source of income, how long could you provide for your basic needs and meet your financial obligations?

- (a) Three or more months
  - (b) One to two months
  - (c) Less than one month
5. If you needed to come up with money quickly to pay for a major home repair or an emergency, what source would you use?

If you answered most questions with an "a," you're already in great financial shape. If you answered mostly "b," you're off to a good start, but could still stand to improve. If you answered mostly "c," you need to learn better financial habits.

No matter what your answer, now is a good time to sit down and examine your financial situation. Write down your financial goals — get out of debt, save for your child's college education, or have a buffer for emergencies — and plan how to accomplish each.

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# Saint Bernards losing jobs to technology

## Helicopters, heat sensors taking dogs' place for Alpine rescues

BY ERICA BULMAN

The Associated Press

GENEVA — Switzerland's Saint Bernard, famed for rescuing avalanche victims in the Alps, is finally bowing its massive head, the fabled barrel around its neck replaced with a "for sale" sign.

Heavy and slow in the deep Alpine snow, expensive to feed and their jobs largely taken over by helicopters and heat sensors, the once-proud dogs have found themselves obsolete and a drain on the resources of the religious order that has raised and trained them for centuries.

There is no record of when Saint Bernards first started rescuing people, but they are credited with saving some 2,000 travelers over the past 200 years on the Saint Bernard Pass on the border with Italy.

With their usefulness at an end, however, the Congregation of Canons of the Great Saint Bernard is ready to sell the 18 adults and 16 pups.

Big and bulky, an adult male

can weigh up to 220 pounds and eat more than four pounds of meat a day. They also take up a lot of time and energy, says Brother Frederic, one of five monks living at the famed hospice on the pass.

"At first, and even at the beginning of the century, they were very useful," Brother Frederic said. "But in 1955, there came the helicopter," which had limited room for the large dogs.

By 1975, the last time one of the dogs was used on a mission, they had mostly been replaced at rescue scenes by smaller, speedier golden retrievers and German shepherds.

But the Saint Bernards remain the tourist's best friend.

The dogs are expected to be sold to associations rather than individuals. The buyers will be required to let them return to the pass each summer.

"Nothing will really change when the dogs are sold," said Brother Frederic. "Just the ownership. It will take a load off of us and allow us to spend more time with those who need it. But the dogs will still be around."



Elodie has the famous barrel around her neck as she sits in front of the peak of the Great Saint Bernard in Switzerland in August 2001. The once-fabled rescue dogs have been mostly replaced by speedier helicopters and heat sensors.

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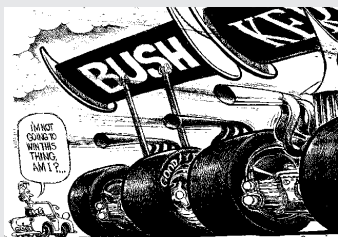
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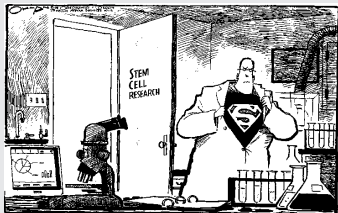


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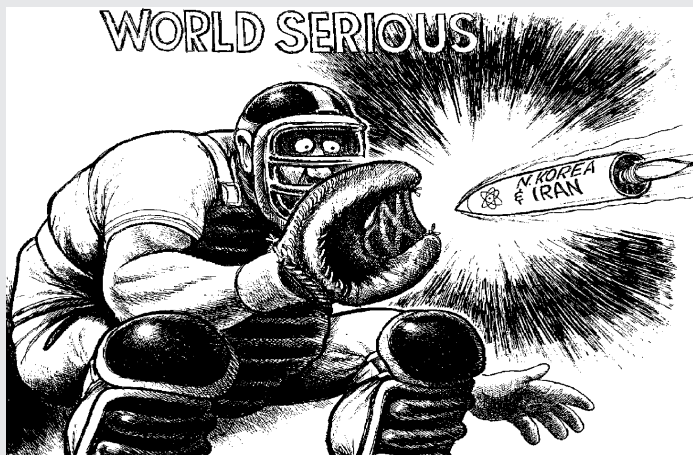
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## Man rescued

**VT** WOODFORD, Vt. — A Shaftsbury man who spent 24 hours lost in the woods was rescued safely.

Wolfgang Ludwig, 64, was the subject of a search by police, friends, relatives and game wardens.

His wife, Priscilla, said that he probably would have found his way out.

Ludwig went to the Aiken Wilderness in Woodford to scout moose for the upcoming hunting season, she said.

He realized that the sun was setting sooner than he expected, and knowing that he wouldn't make it to his car before dark, he settled down and started a fire with a lighter he had taken with him, she said.

Hours after he first entered the woods, the search party found Ludwig in perfect health and well rested from his night by a fire.

## Faucet a beacon of hope

**FL** MARIANNA — James Abney lost everything when a tornado spawned by Hurricane Ivan demolished everything he had — except remnants of the kitchen sink.

The only thing left where his trailer home had been standing was his kitchen faucet, supported by narrow water pipes. In fact, the faucet became a beacon of hope, towering at sink-level in a devastated trailer park.

After seeing an Associated Press photograph of the spigot sticking into the air, Delta Faucet workers recognized the fixture as one of theirs and tracked Abney down.

The Indianapolis-based company gave Abney \$10,000 toward a down payment on his new home in Abbeville, Ala.

## City wants parts back

**KS** WICHITA — A man who landed parts of a sculpture mistakenly put up for auction is still at odds with the city, which wants them back.

The base plate and a 17-inch section of the stainless steel sculpture by James Rosati were sold to Matthew Cuellar at the auction of surplus items.

Joe Lang, assistant city attorney, said officials were still considering what to do.

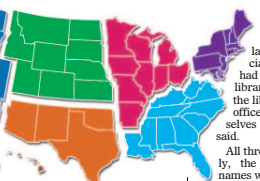
The sculpture, "Upright Form V," was donated to the city in the early 1990s. It formerly was located near the Willowbend Golf Club, but had been in storage. While it hasn't been appraised, estimates have placed the sculpture's value at between \$7,000 and \$30,000.

Cuellar, who paid \$45 for the two pieces, has said he will sell them back to the city for one-third of the sculpture's true value.

## Firefighter misconduct

**CA** SACRAMENTO — Nineteen city fire fighters were disciplined for misconduct that included using fire trucks to pick up women at bars and drinking on the job, the Sacramento fire chief said.

The department fired six firefighters, suspended seven without pay and reprimanded six others after a 3½-month investigation.



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said Chief Julius "Joe" Cherry. One woman was among those disciplined.

Investigators found that several other firefighters took two trucks and an ambulance to a local event known as the "Porn Star Costume Ball" at a hotel where a woman claimed she was sexually assaulted. Prosecutors concluded the act on one of the fire rigs was consensual and declined to press charges, Cherry said.

## Riot report released

**CO** DENVER — Inmates were severely beaten, cells were ransacked and set on fire, and a female librarian was trapped with dozens of convicts during a riot last summer at a privately run prison, according to a recently released state report.

The report by the state Department of Corrections concludes that managers at the Crowley County Correctional Facility were slow to respond to the July 20 riot because of indecision and understaffing.

According to the report, inmates nearly overran the prison, which is owned and operated by the Corrections Corporation of America. They smashed sinks and toilets, set fires, destroyed appliances and rifled through files to find the names of suspected informants and sex offenders, the report said.



## Colorful foliage

Silos and a barn at Rider Farms on state Route 23 in Davenport Center, N.Y., are surrounded by fall colors.

The report says prison managers incorrectly told arriving law enforcement officials that all employees had been evacuated. The librarian was trapped in the library, and two prison officers had locked themselves in a cell, the report said.

All three were rescued safely, the report said. Their names were not released.

## Blues Brothers chase

**MN** CRYSTAL — Police responding to a call of a convulsing Elvis Presley impersonator soon found themselves in a high-speed chase of another faux celebrity — a man dressed as one of the Blues Brothers.

Crystal Police Capt. Dave Oyas said the bizarre string of events began when officers were called to a veterans hall to find a man dressed as Elvis Presley apparently in convulsions.

When the officers approached, Oyas said the man suddenly jumped up and yelled, "Viva Las Vegas!" before singing show tunes.

At about the same time, two women said another man at the veterans hall dressed as John Belushi's character in "The Blues Brothers" had stolen their car and driven to a nearby airport.

The man led police on a high-speed chase around the airport before officers forced him to stop and arrested him.

## Court: Tractor not a toy

**VT** RUTLAND — A John Deere lawn and garden tractor is made for work, not for fun.

At least that's how the Vermont Supreme Court sees it.

The court ruled in a dispute between an insurance company and the driver of a lawn tractor who injured his son while using his son's lawn tractor to plow snow at his son's home in Rutland Town.

The insurance company's policy covered injuries sustained in a recreational vehicle accident, not a work-related vehicle.

The state's highest court sided with the insurance company's decision, ruling that the lawn tractor was a work vehicle.

Norton ruled in favor of Concord General, concluding that the tractor was designed for work, not recreation. Delong appealed to Vermont Supreme Court.

## Abuse at camp alleged

**MD** SALISBURY — Law enforcement officials and the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services are investigating an allegation of child abuse at the Lower Shore DRILL Academy, a military-style boot camp.

Wicomico County Sheriff R. Hunter Nelms, whose office oversees the boot camp, said an officer is accused of physically assaulting a student. Nelms declined to provide details, saying they would be released when the investigation is completed.

The Discipline Respect Integrity Learning Leadership Academy opened in December. It is a rehabilitation center for youths who have had brushes with the law.



**Festival fun** Pushed by Camille Brown, 11, Northwood Elementary student Meredith Stabel, 11, reacts as the wheelbarrow she is riding in knocks over one ridden by fellow student Ali Elbasher, 11, during a race at the school's Fall Festival in Northwood, Iowa.



**Mixing it up** Dave Marten and his daughter, Julie, stir two of four large Burgoo cauldrons amidst the crafts and people swarming around Utica, Ill., for the annual Burgoo Festival. The Burgoo stew is a mixture of beef and vegetables that is cooked for 15 hours and symbolizes the heritage of the area when farmers, traders, hunters and others would gather at the end of the harvest season to sell and trade goods.





**Wiggling out** Marie Williams of Cleveland, Ala., reacts to her new hair extension at the Styles Extended booth at the Southern Women's Show at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex.



**Curious creature** A calf moose kneels to browse dandelion leaves near an ornamental rock in a residential yard in Eagle River, Alaska.



**Cowboys on the job** The Cronin brothers move cattle from their summer range to fall pastures along the Missouri River near West Whitlock, S.D.



**Thinking of the next move** Cousins Makalah Roberts, left, and Victoria Smith play a game on a checker board using Coca-Cola bottle caps at the McDaniel Farm Park grand opening in Duluth, Ga.

## Shipping cows to Cuba

**VT** MONTPELIER — Vermont expects to send its first shipment of dairy cattle to Cuba early next year as part of a trade agreement.

Agriculture Secretary Steve Kerr traveled to the island nation for a week in early September to help fine-tune an estimated \$7 million deal for Vermont companies to sell dairy cattle, nonfat powdered milk and apples to Cuba.

Vermont's products are high quality, Kerr said recently. "If we can be competitive, there's no reason not to compete successfully and have a share of the sales."

The heifers are expected to head to Cuba in the first quarter of 2005. Details of the powdered milk and apple deals are still being worked out, Kerr said.

## Cold War tribute

**MO** WELDON SPRING — For more than a year, Denise Brock has been trying to win governmental compensation for workers who were exposed to high levels of radiation while helping to create the atom bomb and Cold War-era weapons.

Now Brock has her eye on another kind of recognition for their toil.

Brock is working with the Department of Energy to build an exhibit that will tell the story of more than 3,500 Missourians who worked on the U.S. atom bomb program and at Cold War-era nuclear sites in St. Louis, Weldon Spring and Hematite, Mo.

The tribute should be completed by year's end and will become a permanent display at the Weldon Spring Interpretive Center.

## Upholding morals

**ID** BOISE — During these tough budget times, schools don't often pass up a check for \$10,000. But that's just what one Idaho charter school has done — to set a moral example for students.

The North Star Public Charter School turned down the money because it came from the Idaho State Lottery and school officials decided that taking gambling money would conflict with the school's mission of developing virtuous citizens.

"We couldn't in good conscience take the money," said Gale Pooley, co-founder and chairman of the school board. "It's the less fortunate and the poor in the communities who are buying these tickets, and children are the ones who will pay for it."

## Ducky dispute

**TN** SPRING HILL — Katherine Williams says the yellow ducky sponge she put on sale at a flea market is merely a child's toy. City officials say the vibrator inside makes it a sex toy.

But officials in this Nashville suburb backed off from citing Williams for violating the city's sexually oriented business ordinance because she had already taken down her display by the time police responded to complaints. Nearby vendors also refused to be witnesses in the case.

Williams, whose Passions & Pleasures business sells lotions and adult novelties at in-home

parties, described her product line as "PG-13" and said she got only two negative comments at the flea market.

## Apple crop thin

**IL** GRAYSLAKE — A May frost followed by cool summer temperatures thinned this year's apple crop in the state's northern orchards. It's also cut short the self-picking season, which usually runs through the end of October. Meadville orchards in southern Illinois are reporting a bumper crop.

## Blind endeavors

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — Scott Duncan and Pamela Habek have embarked on an attempt to sail alone around the world, a journey made even more treacherous by the fact that both are legally blind.

Duncan, 38, and Habek, 42, set out in a 32-foot cutter for what they hope is a two-year voyage that takes them down the coast to Panama, across the Pacific and Indian oceans, around the tip of South Africa, through the Panama Canal and back home.

With the help of modern technology that includes a talking Global Positioning System and a 10-power video magnifier they can use for reading charts, the couple is confident they have what they need to avoid sailing into harm's way even without perfect vision.

## Snake on the tracks

**NY** YONKERS — Commuters traveling for a train to the northern suburbs of New York City were surprised to see a boa constrictor lying on the railroad tracks, but the snake didn't block the rails for long.

Passengers in Yonkers saw the 10-foot snake curled up on the tracks.

"We couldn't figure out if it was alive or not," passenger Edith Lynn Beer told The New York Times. "It was very thick. It had those rectangular markings."

A few minutes later, while a police debated what to do, a train rumbled into the station and "infuriated the reptilian trespasser," said Dan Brucker, a spokesman for the Metro-North rail line.

## Lawsuit over firings

**IN** LAKE STATION — Federal housing officials are suing the Lake County Board of Commissioners and other officials over the 2000 firings of two administrators. The two supported a mixed-income housing development opposed by Lake Station residents and officials. Commissioner Gerry Scheub said the firings were legal. A 2001 federal consent decree ordered Lake Station to build the development.

## Searching for clues

**WY** RAWLINS — Experts have reconstructed the face of a 100-year-old Carbon County murder victim in an attempt to identify him. The man was killed by a single gunshot to the head around 1900. The man's damaged skull and skeleton were found in 1996 in a dune west of Seminoe Reservoir.

Stories and photos from wire services.

# Horoscope

This afternoon, the moon enters Sagittarius, the sign of adventure. Go have one! Travel by train, plane or automobile is favored. It doesn't even matter where you're going because all the fun is in getting there. Libra planets assure that if you start out alone, you'll wind up with new friends. And if you start out with friends, you'll wind up with more.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (October 16).** Big surprises are in the works for you this year. An unexpected promotion comes before the winter holidays. You're fortunate in other ways, too, perhaps winning a vacation or eloping! With everything moving so fast, remember to slow down and take time out for simple pleasures. The children in your life need extra guidance through January.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt, but it's the only way to live completely. Besides, your partner will be able to tell if you're holding back, and this will be to your disadvantage. Make your feelings known.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Your schedule changes abruptly due to unforeseen circumstances. Make your case as succinctly as possible, and then, let things take their course. Try not to take your work home with you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Get out and socialize. Whether you're at a business function or a dinner party with friends, you're likely to meet someone of the opposite sex who could very well become an important business contact.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You find yourself changing your mind about something you thought you settled long ago. This change is going to take a bit of effort to unravel and probably will involve another person. Ask a Leo or Sagittarius for advice.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** If, for one thing you hate, it's being typed. So if people are trying to stuff you into a particular mold, they're in trouble. You'll probably

find yourself doing something shocking just to get a reaction.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You're feeling positively daring. You're liable to do something impulsive, like call in sick to work and road-trip it to Vegas for a long weekend, maybe longer.

Shaking up your old routine is a good thing. Feel free to indulge.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Something bizarre could fall from the clear blue sky. Literally! It would behoove you to keep your head up and be aware of your surroundings as you're walking around.

You receive something unexpected, possibly found money.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You're somewhat accident-prone, so be careful. That goes double for an unintended slip of the tongue that could get you into trouble. If single, you're most likely to meet someone if you go out with a group of friends.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** What comes around goes around. The good deed you do may benefit you at the least expected time. Of course, if you do someone a kindness expecting to get something in return, that sort of defeats the purpose.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Give people more than they expect, and do it with a smile on your face. You just might be able to kill the bad morale in a certain group with kindness. If not, get out. When the going gets tough, the tough go on vacation.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You're never been one to take things lying down, but now, you are in a prime position to make your voice heard. You're probably already registering people to vote and licking envelopes for your favorite candidate.

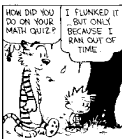
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Respect yourself and the abilities of the people on your team. You've got something really big brewing, and you cannot go it alone on this one. Defer to your lawyer, business partner or family whenever possible and appreciate.

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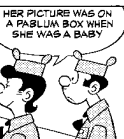
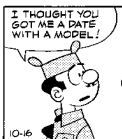
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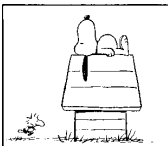
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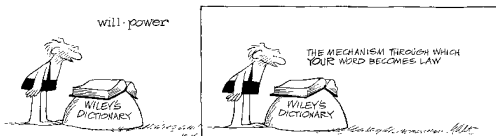
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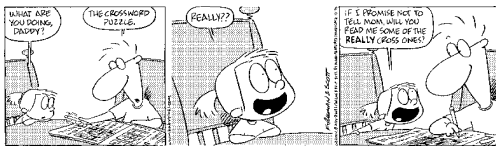
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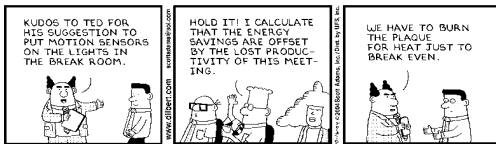
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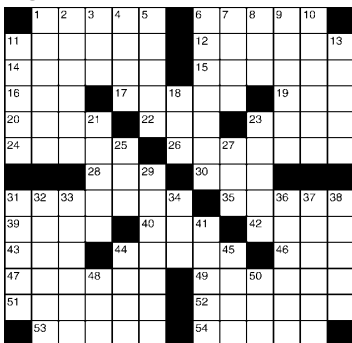
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 17 Swift
- 19 Will Smith movie
- 20 Congregational call
- 22 Pole staffer?
- 23 Undo a dele
- 24 Burdened
- 26 Grumbles
- 28 Moment
- 30 "7 Faces of Dr. —"

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- 2 Not impressed
- 3 Filch, old-style
- 4 Staff leader
- 5 Actress Berry
- 6 Omnibus
- 7 One
- 8 Calendar abbr.
- 9 Make
- 10 Cab passenger, before
- 11 Athens 2004 prize
- 13 Some sportswear
- 18 Shade source
- 21 Fits snugly
- 23 Old porticos
- 25 "The Matrix" role
- 27 — Mahal
- 29 Ionian Sea gulf
- 31 Go — for (defend)
- 32 Critter
- 33 Pacific island
- 34 Blue
- 36 Cloth
- 37 Newly
- 38 "Peg Woffington" author
- 41 Go get
- 44 Canned form of o.j.
- 45 Violinist Andre
- 48 Buddhist sect
- 50 Compass point suffix

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



### 10-16

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 Yesterday's Cryptquip: IF A GROUP OF PARADERS SUDDENLY STARTED ACTING INSANELY, IS THAT MARCH MADNESS?  
 Today's Cryptquip Clue: R equals T

# Mom chooses boyfriend over kid

**Dear Abby:** I am a mother of two. I recently learned that my 16-year-old daughter, "Rene," is pregnant. When she told me who the father is, I discovered she had been having an affair with my live-in boyfriend, "Leo." It was devastating. I am considering to marry Leo, and I still love him.

I made Rene move out. I know this seems harsh because she is pregnant, but I feel I can have a good relationship with Leo only if Rene is not around. I don't mean to choose him over her, but Rene is my daughter, and she should have known better.

When do you think I should do? I don't want to disown her. Also, I want to raise Rene's baby as my own, and this infuriates her. Who is wrong? Please give me your insight.

**Confused in Canada**  
*Dear Confused:* Please recognize your priorities. Your duty is to protect your children. Leo is

an adult. Your daughter is only 16. Leo has far more experience. Your fiancée is a predator who may have pursued you in order to get close to your daughter. You say you have two children.

**Dear Abby:** Is the other child a daughter too? It's time to show your fiancée the door and call the police. Rene should stay with you until she's able to complete her education and care for herself and her baby.

And Leo should help to financially support the child until it is an adult.

**Dear Abby:** My husband talks constantly. He can't sit through a movie or watch a television show without piping up. He has "loads of information" on every subject.

If we are out in public and someone speaks, my husband goes into high gear. When we go to his office — he is a truck driver

— the office personnel scatter. They dread to see him coming. I can't speak to him in confidence about personal things, or finances, and trust that he won't repeat everything he knows. I don't know how to stop him. He seems oblivious. It has become an embarrassment to be out with him. I find myself trying to avoid him at home.

Please help me. I love my husband.

**Really Down in T-Town**  
*Dear Really Down:* Your husband may be a compulsive talker. He could be trying to compensate for insecurity or have an emotional problem. Since you can't get through your next step is to get him professional help. It's sad that someone who probably only wants to be liked and accepted is driving those around him crazy, and it may take counseling for your husband to recognize what he's doing.

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## Dear Abby



# Tips to fight childhood obesity

**Dear Annie:** As a recently retired physical educator and health teacher, I had a unique opportunity to watch children eat and play during the day. I have been witness to the increasing weight problems our children are facing. Here are a few helpful hints to help parents lead the way to healthier eating:

1. Parents, not the children, buy the food. Purchase only healthy food, and they will eat only healthy food. Believe me, they'll adjust and so will you.

2. Many vegetables are now sold pre-packaged or cut up and ready to throw in a sandwich bag. Carrots, broccoli and cherry tomatoes all are tasty treats. Grapes, bananas, oranges and apples also make great, easy snacks.

3. Dairy products are good sources of calcium and protein. Try yogurt in tubes and string

## Annie's Mailbox



cheese sticks. And kids love those cheese-and-cracker packs.

4. Cut out the high-fat foods like potato chips and chocolate-covered snacks. They fill up the kids with empty calories, and an hour later, they are hungry again.

5. Cereal is a popular and healthy snack. Balance it with cheese for protein or fruit that provides vitamins and fiber.

6. Both peanut butter and yogurt make great dips for fruit. Try apples and celery with peanut butter, and cantaloupe and strawberries with yogurt.

7. Serve a full and nutritious breakfast. It makes a tremendous difference in your child's ability to concentrate and learn during school hours.

8. Improve your child's fitness by improving your own. Walk, hike, shoot hoops, ride bikes,

climb mountain paths, play tennis, ski, jump rope, swim, kick a soccer ball, rake leaves, or do an exercise video.

Be sure to include the kids. 9. Never, ever, ever call your child fat. Accept children as they are. Talk instead about healthy living, teach them good eating habits, provide healthy food, and engage in family fitness activities.

10. Support stronger physical education programs and health curriculums in your schools. Sincerely,

— A Retired Teacher in Eliot, Maine

**Dear Teacher:** Your guidelines are excellent, and we hope parents will clip them out and keep them handy when they go to the grocery store. Thank you.

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# JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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**Answer here:**

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(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's

Jumbles: BATON MAUVE OUTWIT COUPLE

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# THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Asgiron



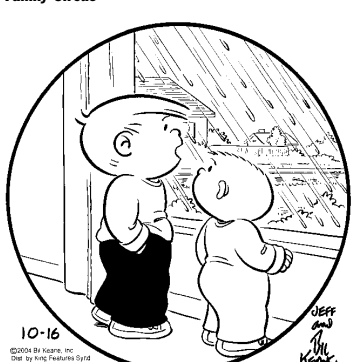
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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## Family Circus



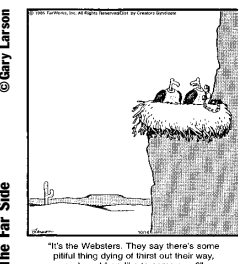
“That rain we told last week to come back again another day, picked today.”



## Dennis the Menace



## The Far Side



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## MOVIES

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**JAPAN TV**

**Afternoon**  
1:00 Traditional Arts of Japan: Noh & Kyogen (3)  
1:50 The 59th Japan Open Golf Championship (1)  
2:00 Fujitsu Ladies Golf 2004 (10)  
**Evening**  
6:00 Japan Pro Ball: Japan Series - Chunichi Dragons vs. Seibu Lions  
6:30 Rugby: Top League - Suntory vs. Kubota (42)  
7:00 News (1)  
8:10 Rugby: Top League - Toshiba-Fuchu vs. NEC (42)  
8:20 The 25th Japan International Danc'ing Championships (3)(r)  
12:10 E.R. VIII (1)  
12:45 The Movie (1988): They Live (1:54)(6)  
2:35 NFL Football: New England Patriots vs. Miami Dolphins (4)  
3:20 U.S. Movie (1996): Freeway (1:47)(12)

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**JAPAN TV-BS7**

**Morning**

6:00 Top News from Around the World

6:30 Top News from Around the World

7:00 Top News from Around the World

7:30 Top News from Around the World

8:00 World News Hour

9:15 MLB: ALCS Game 3 New York Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox

**Afternoon**

12:10 Football Mundial

12:30 MotoGP: 14th Round, Malaysian GP Highlights

1:00 Enjoy Life: Enjoy Life: Dr. Weiss: Child Raising

1:20 Enjoy Life: Enjoy Life: Dr. Weiss: Child Raising

2:00 Soccer U-19 Asian Championship Highlights

**Evening**  
7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

9:00 NFL Weekly  
 9:50 Rail Away  
 11:50 CNN News  
 12:00 MotoGP: 14th Round, Malaysia  
 GP  
 1:25 NFL Weekly  
 1:45 PGA Golf: Administaff Small  
 Business Classic, Final Round  
 3:05 What's On Asia  
 3:30 What's On Japan  
 4:15 Weekend Japanology  
 5:00 PGA Golf: Chrysler Classic of  
 Greensboro, 3rd Round

## JAPANESE 101

**Morning**  
8:05 Cartoon  
**Afternoon**  
3:00 U.S. Movie (1998): Patch Adams  
(2-00)

### Evening

7:30 Simon and Garfunkel Live  
Central Park  
1:10 Belgium-French-Dutch Movie  
(2000): I Edereen Beroem  
(1:40)

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**Morning**  
6:10 U.S.-British Movie (2002): Po  
session (1:47)  
8:00 TV Series: Third Watch  
9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene I  
vestigation

**Afternoon**  
12:30 U.S. Movie (2002): The Bourne

2:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Zooland (1:30)  
3:30 U.S. Movie (2002): Showtin' (1:40)  
5:10 U.S. Movie (2002): I Spy (1:40)  
**Evening**

8:00 U.S. Movie (2002): The Adventures of Pluto Nash (1:42)  
9:50 U.S. Movie (2002): The Kid Stay In the Picture (1:40)  
12:00 TV Series: Friends the Final  
12:35 TV Series: Sex and the City  
3:20 U.S. Movie (2002): Swimfan (1:35)  
4:55 Spanish Soccer Liga Española

**Soccer LI**

**Morning**  
6:00 Wake Up  
8:00 Classic '90s  
9:00 Top Choice  
10:00 Pure Music  
11:00 Top Choice: murmur

**Afternoon**  
12:00 Check the Rhyme  
12:30 The Osbournes  
1:00 World Chart Express Supported by Honda  
3:00 Newllyweds: Nick & Joe  
3:30 Screen: Music Video Selection

4:00 I-Catch Saturday  
**Evening**  
6:00 Making the Video: Nelly  
6:30 Rock On  
7:00 Consensus: Offspring  
7:30 Screen  
8:00 Ashlee Simpson Special  
10:00 Top Choice  
11:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super Dry  
1:00 *Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica*  
1:30 Check the Rhyme  
2:00 The Osbournes  
2:30 Rock On  
2:00 *Affair by Arrangement*

**RADIO GROUPS**

**RADIO SPORTS**

**SATURDAY**  
**Morning**  
9:00 MLB: ALCS Game 3 — New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox

**SUNDAY**  
**Morning**  
5:00 MLB: NLCS Game 3 — St. Louis Cardinals at Houston Astros







# RACING STRIPES

A WEEKLY LOOK AT MOTORSPORTS

## Only the good drive young

Car owner's signing of high school freshman raises questions within stock-car community

BY STEVE BRISENDINE

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Next October, Chase Austin will finally be old enough to drive to the grocery store by himself.

By then, though, he'll also have a full season of stock-car racing under his belt.

When Hendrick Motorsports signed the 15-year-old high school freshman from Eudora, Kan., to a developmental contract last week, it raised the question: How young is too young?

"All I know, when I think back, is that I wasn't ready to be signed even at 18," said 22-year-old Blake Feese, another of Hendrick's developmental drivers. "So much has changed over the years in terms of how I've progressed."

Austin doesn't seem intimidated, although he acknowledges his is an unusual situation.

"I can see where people are coming from," he said. "Sometimes I've thought I'm too young, because there's so much involved with this. But if I saw some of these 15-year-old have this chance, I'd want it, too."

J.D. Gibbs, president of Joe Gibbs Racing, also doesn't have a problem with Austin's age.

"I don't think it's a big deal," said Gibbs, whose team's developmental drivers are both in their early 20s. "I don't think every one's going to rush out and sign a

### How young is too young?

**Who is Chase Austin?** A 15-year-old race driver signed by Hendrick Motorsports. His career is already drawing comparisons to that of the young Jeff Gordon.

**What's next for him?** A full season of racing in the American Speed Association's Late Model Series, where qualifying speeds are close to 100 mph.

**Is he too young?** Austin acknowledges it might seem that way, but says he wants the chance. Motorsports insiders say he has the talent.

**Big picture:** Austin is young, and a minority. That has helped golf and tennis pull in more fans, too. (Think Tiger Woods and the Williams sisters).

—The Associated Press

15-year-old unless he's pretty damn good."

And if Austin proves himself on the track, Gibbs said, his age won't matter to anyone. The exception would be NASCAR, which won't let a driver race on its top three circuits — Nextel Cup, the Busch Series and the Craftsman Truck — until age 18. "If you go out there and show you're competent, there shouldn't be a problem," Gibbs said. "If you go out there and cause a bunch of issues, that's one thing. But that has nothing to do with age. There's 40-year-olds who cause issues."

Austin does have an impressive racing résumé that invites comparisons to the early years of Jeff Gordon's career.

Austin started racing go-karts when he was 8 — and by 13, just like Gordon, was competing in full-size sprint cars. He has run

modifieds and late models on dirt tracks, has experience on paved tracks in the late model division — and in his first year of Topless Outlaw Racing Association competition finished 11th in points and was the top rookie.

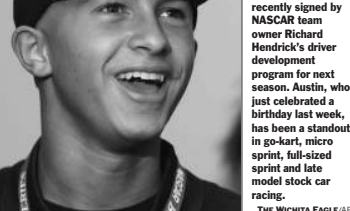
And he's a sports marketer's dream. He's good-looking, personable, talented — and biracial, the son of a black father and a white mother.

For auto racing, still searching for a way to bring more minorities into its fan base, that makes Austin an appealing combination of Gordon and Tiger Woods.

"I do think he's got a lot of natural outstanding talent," said H.A. "Humpy" Wheeler, president of Lowe's Motor Speedway.

"He's the best black American I've seen in a race car. I'm glad Rick [Hendrick] has done this, because Rick will be able to put the kind of equipment under him that he needs to reach his potential."

"We can do all advertising we can reach out to African American fans," Wheeler said. "But when we have one that starts winning, that's what's going to break it wide open."



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Players have been going straight from high school to the NBA for years. The courts, not a lack of talent, kept Maurice Clarett from jumping to the NFL after his freshman year at Ohio State. And earlier this year, Freddy Adu made his highly anticipated Major League Soccer debut — at 14.

Then again, they don't climb into high-horsepower machines and tear around tracks at almost 100 mph. That's how high qualifying speeds can run in the American Speed Association's Late Model Series, where Austin will compete next year for SS Racing.

But there's precedent for other young drivers doing well not only on short tracks, but on super-speedways.

There's Gordon, of course, who broke into Cup competition at 21 and won his first championship at 24.

"The theory prior to Jeff Gor-

don is that nobody started winning major long distance races in the U.S., whether that was in Winston Cup or the IRL, until they were about 28," Wheeler said. "Jeff Gordon came along and shot that theory down."

"That perpetuated what I call Pop Warner Racing. Now a few years after you've got all these kids racing."

Shelby Howard became ARCA's youngest race winner at age 16 in 2002. Last year, at 17, he became the youngest driver to win on a big track in any circuit.

"Ultimately, the great thing about sports racing is that either you're good or you're not," Gibbs said. "I think Rick saw a good opportunity to partner up with a good talent for the future."

Austin's mother, Marianne, made light of the debate over her son's age.

"Pretty soon, we'll see kids in diapers and I'll be, 'He waddles well. Let's get him,'" she said.

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Marianne Austin

Mother of 15-year-old stock-car racer Chase Austin

### NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

**Race 31: UAW/GM Quality 500, 8 a.m. Sunday, AFN-Pacific/Korea**

**Last race:** Pole-sitter Joe Nemechek completed the sweep at Kansas Speedway with his win in the Banquet 400.

#### DRIVERS TO WATCH

**Jimmie Johnson**, the leader at the start of the 10-race playoff, is tied with the man race to the six races to go. He won't win the title, but another He's been fast at Lowe's victory (he's won here with four victories, and 14 top-10 finishes) would stop the bleeding.

**Jeff Gordon**, the third man in the what's shaping up as a three-in-one race to the title, can afford a career victory total of 22. Lowe's, he hasn't won at Lowe's before. Charlotte since he's won here with four victories, and 14 top-10 finishes.

**Terry Labonte** is scaling back this season, but for now he's trying to add to his title, can afford a career victory total of 22. Lowe's, he hasn't won at Lowe's before. Charlotte since he's won here with four victories, and 14 top-10 finishes.

**Last year:** Tony Stewart chased down Ryan Newman over the final stretch to win the UAW-GM Quality 500.

#### FAST FACTS

**Kurt Busch**, who gave the lead when Dale Earnhardt Jr. was decked 25 points last week, is leading the race in the live TV interview. Earnhardt Jr. has a six-point finish at Kansas. Earnhardt has four straight top-10 finishes. Two-time NASCAR champion Terry Labonte announced Tuesday he will run about 10 races in each of the next two seasons before retiring.

**Nexel Cup qualifying record:** Jimmie Johnson 187.052 mph, Oct. 10, 1999.

**Nexel Cup race record:** Jeff Gordon, 160.306 mph, Oct. 10, 1999.

#### POINTS RACE

**After 30 of 36 races**

1. Kurt Busch, 5,685
2. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 5,686
3. Jeff Gordon, 5,606
4. Elliott Sauter, 5,542
5. Mark Martin, 5,535
6. Tony Stewart, 5,512
7. Matt Kenseth, 5,505
8. Ryan Newman, 5,438
9. Jimmie Johnson, 5,438
10. Jeremy Mayfield, 5,428
11. Jamie McMurray, 5,376
12. Dale Jarrett, 3,684
13. Kevin Harvick, 3,607
14. Casey Mears, 3,549
15. Bobby Labonte, 3,540
16. Michael Waltrip, 3,279
17. Rusty Wallace, 3,219
18. Greg Biffle, 3,182
19. Jeff Burton, 3,175
20. Casey Mears, 3,136

### BUSCH SERIES

**This week:** The Spongetob Soap Puffs Mobile 200 at Concord, N.C. (Live 9 a.m. Saturday, AFN-Atlanta).

**Last year:** Greg Biffle began his season in the race by winning the Little Trees 300 at Concord with the team's largest margin of victory, 12.28 seconds. The race was postponed one day because of rain and it started eight hours before the Nextel Cup race.

**Next race:** Sam's Town 250, Oct. 23, Memphis, Tenn.

**FORMULA ONE**

**Last race:** Michael Schumacher won his 12th race of the season and first since August by capturing the Japanese Grand Prix.

**Next race:** Brazilian Grand Prix, Oct. 24, Sao Paulo.

**INDY RACING**

**This week:** Chevy 500 at Fort Worth, Texas (Three-day-delayed, 4:30 a.m. Monday, AFN-Sports).

**Last race:** Tony Kanaan clinched his first series championship after finishing second at the Toyota 400 in Fontana, Calif. on Oct. 3. Kanaan was 10.88 sec-

onds behind Adrian Fernandez, who claimed his second straight victory and ended the season's longest winning streak.

**Last year:** A terrifying crash that left Kevin Harvick badly injured ended the season's longest winning streak, as he finished 35th in the season's final race, the 100-lap race at Infineon Raceway. He was the only driver to start and finish the race.

#### CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

**Last race:** Silverado 350K at Fort Worth, Texas (Three-day-delayed, noon Tuesday, AFN-Sports).

**Last year:** Brendan Gaughan came from the back of the pack and won the Silverado 350, becoming the first Craftsman Truck Series driver to win four straight races, the sixth consecutive driver to do so.

**Next race:** Kroger 200, Oct. 23, Martinsville, Va.

**CHAMP CARS**

**Last race:** Sebastian Bourdais held off Newman's teammate Bruno Junqueira in a side-by-side battle to win 2004. Bourdais won by 0.066 seconds, the sixth-closest finish in the series.

**Next race:** Oct. 24, Surfer's Paradise, Australia.



# Bryant downplays Jackson's criticism

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Kobe Bryant is shrugging off criticism of him by former Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson.

"He's just trying to sell books. I'll just leave it at that," Bryant said Wednesday at the Lakers' training camp at the University of San Diego. "I wish him the best at whatever he's doing now. I have responsibilities here, and that's what I have to take care of. That's it."

The diary of the 2003-04 season, titled "The Last Season: A Team in Search of Its Soul," Jackson said he no longer wanted to coach Bryant.

The book will be released this month, but an excerpt will be published in next week's issue of Los Angeles magazine. The Los Angeles Times printed excerpts from the magazine article on Tuesday.

Jackson wrote that he became so frustrated with Bryant that he told General Manager Mitch Kupchak in January: "I won't coach this team next year if he is still here. He won't listen to anyone. I've had it with this kid."

**Furcal gets concurrent sentence for second DUI**

ATLANTA — Atlanta Braves shortstop Rafael Furcal, who is serving a 21-day jail sentence for being arrested while on probation, pleaded guilty Thursday to his second drunken-driving charge.

Furcal's latest sentence will run concurrently with the remaining 19 days of

his current jail term in Cobb County. He entered jail Tuesday, the day after the Braves were eliminated.

After his release from jail Nov. 1, Furcal also must enter in-house alcohol treatment, serve about 10 months of probation, complete 240 hours of community service and attend a 20-hour course about drunken driving.

The judge ruled Furcal can return home to the Dominican Republic from Dec. 24-Jan. 2 to renew his passport.

Furcal, 26, was arrested Sept. 10 in Atlanta and charged with driving under the influence, his second such offense in four years. He had faced three days to a year in jail.

"Everything went about as well as we could expect," Furcal's lawyer, William Head, said. "From the start, we were trying to get him a package deal."

**Kennedy will have surgery Friday**

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Anaheim Angels second baseman Adam Kennedy will undergo surgery Friday to repair torn ligaments in his right knee, leaving his status for spring training in question.

Kennedy has a complete tear of the anterior cruciate ligament and a partial tear of the medical collateral ligament. He was injured fielding a grounder against Seattle on Sept. 20.

The Angels said if Kennedy needed surgery, his rehabilitation could extend into spring training.

Kennedy, 28, was the MVP of the 2002 ALCS with three home runs in the clinching game against the Minnesota Twins. He batted .278 in 144 games this season with 10 homers and 48 RBIs. He also had a 54-game errorless streak.

**Goosen wins World Match Play opener**

VIRGINIA WATER, England — U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen was the only winner on a rainy opening day of the World Match Play Championship at Wentworth on Thursday, beating Jeff Maggert by a record 12 and 11.

Goosen's margin of victory exceeded the mark in the 36-hole matches of 11 and 10, when Mark O'Meara beat Vijay Singh in the second round in 1998.

Because of a 2½-hour rain delay, seven of the eight matches were suspended by darkness. Among those with incomplete matches were defending champion Ernie Els, who leads Scotland's Scott Drummond 2-up with two holes to play.

Top-ranked Singh trailed European Ryder Cup captain Bernhard Langer by two holes after 26, while England's Lee Westwood led British Open champion Todd Hamilton of the United States 3-up after 29 holes and Argentina's Angel Cabrera led K.J. Choi of South Korea 1-up after 33.

Three matches were all square: Ireland's Padraig Harrington against American Chris Riley after 32, Canadian Mike Weir and Frenchman Thomas Levet after 32 and Spain's Miguel Jimenez against Steve Flesch of the United States after 26.

**Williams gets title shot vs. Klitschko**

LONDON — Danny Williams has earned a heavyweight title shot nearly three months after derailed Mike Tyson's comeback.

Williams will fight World Boxing Council champion Vitali Klitschko in New York on Dec. 11.

# U.S. blows out Panama in WC qualifier

BY BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Landon Donovan scored twice Wednesday night, then rising sensation Eddie Johnson connected three straight times, carrying the United States into the regional finals of World Cup qualifying with a 6-0 rout of Panama.

In a game dominated from start to finish by the Americans, it was Donovan and Johnson who left the lastest marks.

"I just want to see if I can play at this level," the 20-year-old Johnson said after scoring the first U.S. hat trick in World Cup qualifying since 1968 and only the third ever. And he did it in his second game with the national team — after scoring last Saturday at El Salvador. "This is awesome. It's what you dream of — maybe dream of just getting on the field for a few minutes or maybe scoring a goal. But three ..."

The Americans' biggest victory since beating Barbados 7-0 in 2000 moved them one huge step closer to Germany '06. They got a spot in the CONCACAF regional finals, in which the top three of six teams automatically make the World Cup field.

And they did it with an unrelenting attack that extended their longest unbeaten string to 12 games. Only a 1-0 loss to the Netherlands in February blisters the record. They are 3-0-2 in qualifying this year.

"Qualifying is all about results," coach Bruce Arena said. "You don't get them and you don't go to the World Cup."



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# Marshall makes up for WVU mistakes

BY DONNA TOMMELLE  
The Associated Press

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. — West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez was more concerned about the 89 yards in penalties than the 300-plus yards of rushing offense piled up by his Mountaineers.

That's the first thing I told the team after the game, Rodriguez said. "We preached it and some of them just killed offensive drives. One took away a touchdown."

Rasheed Marshall made up for most of the mistakes Wednesday night as 17th-ranked West Virginia racked up 309 rushing yards in a 31-19 victory over Connecticut.

A first-half penalty nullified a 51-yard TD run by Adam Jones on a reverse and the Mountaineers had to settle for a 10-6 lead at the half.

Marshall, a senior quarterback, helped West Virginia overcome its mistakes, rushing for 110 yards, throwing for a touchdown and even punting a quick kick.

He sensed he could have a big night on the ground against the Huskies.

"I thought I would have a chance, especially how tight their linebackers play to the line of scrimmage," Marshall said. "I thought if I could get outside a lot on them I could put them in for a long day."

One more day like that and Marshall will rewrite the Big East record book. His 1,518 yards rushing is 44 yards shy of the career quarterback mark held by Syracuse's Donovan McNabb.

"He was very sharp today mentally," said Rodriguez, who thought his quarterback could have racked up even more yards if he stayed inbounds more.

"I had to remind him three times during the game I said, 'Make them catch you.'"

His 34-yard quick-kick proved to be a big one. West Virginia held a 10-6 lead late in the third quarter when Marshall's punt pinned down Connecticut at its 2-yard line.

Two plays later, West Virginia safety Mike Lorello intercepted a pass that bounced off the foot of Connecticut receiver Keron Henry and ran the game to 17-6 lead. The Mountaineers (5-1 overall, 1-0 Big East) were in control thereafter.

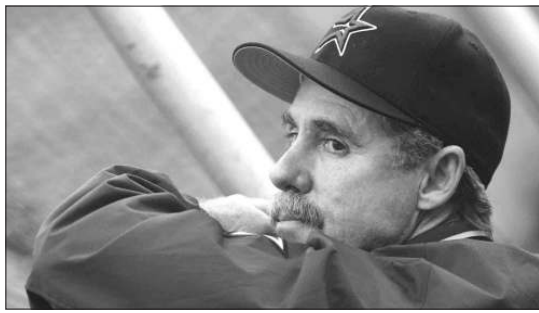
"We got a lucky break there," Rodriguez said. "We were kind of in a rut and that sparked us a little bit."

On the next possession, Marshall hit Chris Henry for a 49-yard TD to extend the lead to 18 and send most of the 40,000 fans streaming for the exits.

Marshall repeatedly rescued an offense that sputtered for almost three quarters. With leading rusher Kay-Jay Harris sidelined with injuries, Marshall and Jayson Colson kept the Mountaineers' ground game going. Colson had 111 yards and one TD.

The Huskies (4-2, 1-2), who were second in the league in scoring (30.6) behind West Virginia (35.6), were held without a touchdown until the fourth quarter, but made it interesting in the closing minutes. Orlowski hit Henry for a 17-yard score with under seven minutes remaining. After Mountaineers running back Pernell Williams tacked on a 13-yard TD run, Orlowski found Matt Gattula for a 2-yard strike with 2:18 left.

"When you play in these situations you hope that you play your best game then because then you see exactly where you stand," Connecticut coach Randy Edsall said. "But I think I know where we stand. Their speed and athleticism did some things where we weren't able to make some plays."



Houston manager Phil Garner is looking for some way to relieve the strain on his overworked pitching staff.

## Pitching poverty

Stretched to the limit just to make the postseason, Astros figure to lose arms race against Cardinals

ST. LOUIS  
At the rate Houston Astros manager Phil Garner has been going through pitchers, there won't be any grass left on the path between his dugout and the mound by the time this National League championship series grinds to a merciful halt.

Whoever said Garner has been managing this postseason like a

Jim Little



war of attrition that the Astros are bound to lose.

A quick glance at the boxscore from Wednesday night's 10-7 victory by the Cardinals in the series opener shows Garner used only four pitchers to St. Louis manager Tony La Russa's six. But that doesn't begin to tell the story.

In the Astros' case, the story begins in Game 4 of their best-of-five division series with Atlanta. Leading 2 games to 1, Garner elected to go for broke, by passing possible starter Pete Munro and instead giving the ball to 42-year-old Roger Clemens, who was still recovering from a particularly nasty bout of stomach flu.

It's important to pause here and give Garner plenty of credit.

He took over an underachieving ballclub in the middle of the season, presided over one of the greatest second-half runs in baseball history and gave Houston its first postseason series victory in the 42-year history of the franchise. The question now, though, is whether the way he managed to

win that one series finished off any chance the Astros had of winning this one, let alone the World Series.

Clemens actually left Game 4 of the NLDS with the lead, but the Braves roared back to win it and the long-range effects of Garner's decision is haunting Houston's pitching staff still. Roy Oswalt had to come back on three days' rest to clinch Game 5, effectively riling out both him and Clemens until the NLCS heads south to Houston for Games 3 and 4.

And you don't even want to know what will happen if they're needed for Games 6 and 7. Since the advent of five-man rotations, starters pitching on three days' rest are 7-20 in the postseason.

But even that doesn't cover the extent of the damage. The short starts by Clemens and Oswalt put even more stress on a bullpen still feeling the effects of the late-season change that locked up the wild-card spot on the final day. In Games 3, 4 and 5 against the Braves, that already overworked crew accounted for 11 innings over just three days — and there was just a prelude to facing a St. Louis lineup that led the league in just about every offensive category.

"I don't think we're strained," Garner said. "Our guys have not been overused coming in. I don't think we've pushed anybody beyond what their normal limits would be to be able to come back."

"I think," he added, "we're OK in that regard."

Time will tell, but there's no doubt Garner would switch bullets with La Russa in a heart-beat. St. Louis' was already deeper and more talented; it ranked as the NL's best, and the only toss-up between the two would be the closers, Houston's Brad Lidge vs. Jason Irisinghausen. And by now, the Cards have had a lot more rest.

In their division series against the Dodgers, St. Louis relievers were called upon only once to get

more than nine outs, and they responded masterfully, surrendering just one run against Los Angeles. Irisinghausen had so little to do that after he closed out the Astros in Game 1 with just one pitch — a groundout by Carlos Beltran in the bottom of the ninth — someone asked whether he would have been happier taking the night off.

"No," Irisinghausen chuckled. "I think after one pitch, I'll be all right for tomorrow."

In contrast to Game 1 Astros starter Brandon Backe, who pitched on three days' rest, Munro will throw Game 2 after a layoff of almost two weeks.

"It could be a bad thing for some guys," Munro said. "But I don't think it's going to be a problem with me."

He doesn't figure to get much sympathy either way. Left-handed Andy Pettite, whose offseason move from the Yankees to Houston raised hopes that were dashed when elbow problems finished his year in late July, said every pitch is worn out by this juncture. He took the mound twice in the postseason last year with only three days' rest.

"And I pitched as well as I ever did," Pettite said. "You count on adrenaline, try to build some momentum and then just hang on. You can make your body do some amazing things."

Right now, Garner would be happy if the local weathermen could do something against instead, like get the forecast right. A storm front packing showers is headed for St. Louis by mid-afternoon Thursday, and it would provide relief for more than the crops.

"Praying for rain?" someone asked Garner as he headed back toward the Houston clubhouse after Game 1.

The Astros manager stopped, then turned and smiled.

"You just figured that out?" he said.

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# Cards: Astros fall in Game 1 slugfest

## CARDS, FROM BACK PAGE

Given a chance to do it, Walker struck out in the eighth inning.

"That's all I needed, just a home run? I think you could tell from my swings I was hacking at it pretty good," he said. "I knew what was at stake. I took a shot at it. I wasn't trying to hit a line drive."

No one thought pitchers would rule in this series, and it was an accurate prediction. Edmonds' three-run double with two outs capped a six-run sixth inning that broke the game open and put St. Louis ahead 10-4.

"We got some huge hits that fell in for us," Walker said. "A string of hits is just as good as hitting the ball out of the ballpark."

Unheralded Pete Munro gets his chance to try to slow the team that led the majors with 105 victories. A guy who began the season in the minors with Minnesota, Munro will start Game 2 for Houston against 15-game winner Matt Morris on Thursday night.

For sure, Astros manager Phil Garner will find himself watching The Weather Channel. The forecast is for showers, and the wild-card Astros would certainly welcome it.

A rainout would allow them to bring back ace Roger Clemens in Game 2 and then use 20-game winner Roy Oswalt back home in Game 3.

Williams lasted six innings, adding to the victory he earned in Game 1 of the first round against Los Angeles. Jason Irsinghausen got the final out for a save.

Chad Qualls wound up as the losing pitcher, in relief of Brandon Backe.

"It was just a bad day today," Backe said.

Rolen, bothered by a strained left calf, was 0-for-14 in this postseason before lining a single that made it 4-all in the fifth.

"I got my one for the series," the All-Star third baseman said. "No, I hope not."

Williams' one-out double got the inning going, and Walker later snapped his bat on an RBI double. The



**Reggie Sanders' broken-bat single typified the Cardinals' six-run sixth inning on Wednesday night. Of St. Louis' five hits in the inning, two were on broken bats, one didn't get out of the infield and another barely got through, dribbling over second base.**

ball booped to left while the shattered barrel flew into the Cardinals' first-base dugout and sent Edmonds scurrying.

For all the big hits, the Cardinals struck together a bunch of little ones in the game-turning sixth inning.

Reggie Sanders got an infield single and pinch-hitter Roger Cedeno's groundout put St. Louis ahead. Womack and Walker added RBI singles, and another run scored on shortstop Jose Vizcaino's bounced throw before Edmonds' big double.

Berkman hit a two-run homer in the eighth and Lamb added a solo homer in the ninth.

## Major League Baseball scoreboard

### Playoffs

#### LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

**American League**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 12**  
New York 16, Boston 7

**Wednesday, Oct. 13**  
New York 3, Boston 1, New York leads series 2-0

**Friday, Oct. 15**  
New York (Brown 10-6) at Boston (Arroyo 10-9)

**Saturday, Oct. 16**  
New York (Hernandez 8-2) vs. Vazquez 14-10 at Boston (Wakefield 12-10)

**Sunday, Oct. 17**  
New York at Boston, if necessary

**Tuesday, Oct. 19**  
Boston at New York, if necessary

**Wednesday, Oct. 20**  
Boston at New York, if necessary

**National League**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 13**  
St. Louis 7, St. Louis leads series 1-0

**Thursday, Oct. 14**  
Houston (Munro 4-7) at St. Louis (Morris 15-10)

**Saturday, Oct. 16**  
St. Louis (Suppan 16-9) at Houston (Clemens 18-4)

**Sunday, Oct. 17**  
St. Louis (Marquis 15-7) at Houston (Gswalt 20-10)

**Monday, Oct. 18**  
St. Louis at Houston, if necessary

**Wednesday, Oct. 20**  
Houston at St. Louis, if necessary

**Thursday, Oct. 21**  
Houston at St. Louis, if necessary

### Wednesday

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11. 2B—Martinez (1), Varitek (1). HR—Olerud (1), 5B—Jeter (1).

**Boston**  
Martinez L-0-1 6 4 3 4 7  
Trotter 1/2 1 0 0 0 0  
Embre 1/2 2 0 0 0 0  
Foulke 1/2 0 0 0 1 1

**New York**  
Lieber W-1-0 7 3 1 1 1 3  
Gordon 1/2 1 0 0 0 0  
Mliera 5-2 1/2 1 0 0 0 0  
Lieber pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.

HBP—by Foulke (Cairo), by Martinez (Arroyo).  
T-3:15, A-56,136 (57,478).

**Cardinals 10, Astros 7**

**Houston**  
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# Daddy: Yankees up 2-0

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"It actually made me feel really, really good," Martinez said. "I actually realized that I was somebody important because I caught the attention of 60,000 people ... plus the whole world. ... If you reverse time back 15 years ago, I was sitting under a mango tree without 50 cents to actually pay for a bus. And today, I was the center of attention of the whole city of New York. I thank God for that."

On this night, however, Lieber threw superior pitches, allowing three hits in seven-plus innings. Even more remarkable, he's still recovering from elbow surgery that sidelined him last season.

"He was as good as I've seen him all year," Yankees captain Derek Jeter said.

Boston, which didn't get a runner on against Mike Mussina in the opener until the seventh inning, is hitting just .224 (15-for-67) in the first two games with one walk and 16 strikeouts. "I'll take responsibility for this ... 0-for-8 with five strikeouts," leadoff man Johnny Damon said. "I'm the catalyst of this team. I'm the guy on this team that gets us going, gets on base and creates some havoc, but I haven't been able to do that."

After a day off, the series resumes Friday at Fenway Park, with Kevin Brown pitching for the Yankees against Bronson Arroyo.

"We'll regroup tomorrow," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "We really have no choice but to look forward to the next game."

Following Orlando Cabrera's single leading off the third — Boston's first hit — Lieber retired 13 straight batters before David Ortiz singled in the seventh.

Working quickly, Lieber needed just 45 pitches to get through five innings — Martinez threw 46 in the first two innings alone.

Lieber's biggest throw was Damon, who kept fouling balls off before lining to center in a 16-pitch at-bat with one out in the sixth.

"That was definitely one of the keys to this game," Lieber said.

Damon agreed it was a turning point.

"I actually felt if I got on base right there, we were going to have a big inning," he said.

When Trot Nixon singled leading off the eighth, Tom Gordon came in and allowed Jason Varitek's double and Cabrera's RBI grounder.

Mariano Rivera entered with a runner on third and two outs in the eighth, just as he did Tuesday night when he jettied back from a family funeral in Panama to preserve New York's 10-7 win.

Rivera threw a called third strike past Damon to escape trouble, then finished the five-batter for his second straight save and 32nd in postseason play.

Boston headed home with the news that Curt Schilling's ailing right ankle will prevent him from starting Game 5 if it's played. Derek Lowe will start in his place, unless the schedule is pushed back by rain forecast for Game 3 on Friday night.

Back on the mound where he blew a 5-2 lead in the eighth inning of last year's Game 7, Martinez again tried against the team that frustrates him most.

He dropped to 1-2 against the Yankees in postseason play. During the regular season, Martinez is 10-10 against New York and 172-66 against the rest of baseball.

"To beat him when he had his stuff like this, it really gives us a lot of confidence," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Jeter walked on four pitches leading off the first and stole second. Martinez nicked Rodriguez on the hand with the count 2-2, and Gary Sheffield singled to center on the next pitch, with Jeter scoring easily ahead of Damon's weak throw.

Martinez struck out Sheffield on a 95 mph pitch in the fifth inning, but he got in trouble when he walked Jorge Posada with one out in the sixth and Olerud homered just into the right-field seats on Martinez's 106th pitch. It was the ninth postseason homer for Olerud, signed by the Yankees on Aug. 3 for the discount price of \$100,000 after Seattle released him from a deal that paid him \$7.7 million this year.

## Schilling won't start Game 5 vs. Yankees

BY JIMMY GOLEN

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston ace Curt Schilling will not start Game 5 of the AL championship series Sunday because of an injured right ankle, although it's possible he could return later in the series.

Derek Lowe will start in his place — unless the schedule is pushed back by rain that is forecast for Game 3 on Friday night. The New York Yankees lead the Red Sox 2-0 in the best-of-seven series.

"We need to get to Game 5," Boston manager Terry Francona said, "but, yeah, it's Derek."

Schilling, who led the major leagues with 21 victories, lasted just three innings and 58 pitches while allowing six runs in Boston's 10-7 loss to the Yankees in Tuesday night's opener. It was his poorest postseason performance since 1993.

"This team wasn't built around one player. We're fine," Boston first baseman Kevin Millar said. "This is where heroes are made."

Schilling said he had trouble with his balance and pushing off the pitching rubber, which cut down on his pitch speed.

Red Sox team physician Bill Morgan said that the sheath that

covers two tendons in Schilling's ankle is torn, allowing one of the tendons to slip out of its groove and rub against a bone.

Schilling didn't feel discomfort while pitching Tuesday because he was injected with a painkiller. He was expected to be fitted for a brace that would stabilize the ankle. He was planning to test it on Thursday during the team's off-day workout, but he was still too sore to try, he may try again on Saturday.

"It's not over. He's going to continue to try to prepare," Francona said. "But as far as Sunday goes, he's not starting."

Schilling told local talk radio station WEEI-AM to say that the injury had occurred during his regular-season finale against the Yankees and not the playoff series against Anaheim.

"My No. 1 concern ... is altering my mechanics to try to adjust," he told the station. "If I can't pitch without altering my mechanics, then we're going to have to win a World Series without me, which I think is entirely possible for us to do."

With Schilling out, the Red Sox have scheduled Bronson Arroyo, Tim Lincecum and Lowe for Games 3-5. If Friday night's game is rained out, the Red Sox would probably bring Pedro Martinez back for Game 5 Monday on his normal rest.

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# A bash at Busch

## Four Astros homers can't stop St. Louis

BY BEN WALKER  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Lance Berkman is certain the Houston Astros are going to score plenty in the NL championship series. Stopping the St. Louis Cardinals, now that's trouble.

It sure was Wednesday night. In a matchup that promised a lot of hitting, Larry Walker and the Cardinals delivered. They whacked balls all over Busch Stadium, overcoming four Houston home runs to beat up the Astros 10-7 in Game 1.

"You don't have to live with the long ball," Cardinals star Albert Pujols said.

Pujols hit a home run, while slumping Jim Edmonds and Scott Rolen contributed and winning pitcher Woody Williams added a double. And it was a significant win: The past 11 teams to take the opener of the NLCS have reached the World Series.

The Astros won the home-run derby, with Berkman, Carlos Beltran, Jeff Kent and Mike Lamb connecting to account for all of Houston's runs.

"No disrespect to their pitching staff, but we haven't had a problem scoring runs the entire postseason," Berkman said. "Eventually, we're going to have to win a 3-2 or a 4-1 ballgame if we're going to have a legitimate chance of doing anything in the postseason. But as far as we swung the bats, I've got no complaints."

Beltran's fifth homer of the postseason put Houston up 2-0 in the first inning. Not that the hot-hitting team in the league was worried.

"We hadn't even come to bat yet," Walker said. "Right away you're thinking, 'OK, they have two runs, but let's get realistic, we haven't even made one of our 27 outs yet.'"

He was right. After Tony Womack lined out in the bottom half, Walker tripled on a ball that Berkman misplayed in right field and Pujols hit a tying shot into the Cardinals' bullpen.

In an October when the ball is flying — 58 homers in 19 playoff games overall — Walker finished a home run shy of becoming the first player in postseason history to hit for the cycle.



St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols reacts as he crosses the plate after hitting a two-run home run in the first inning against the Houston Astros in Game 1 of their NL championship series in St. Louis on Wednesday.



Yankees starter Jon Lieber took a shutout into the eighth inning.

## They're still his daddy

## Martinez loses duel with Lieber

BY RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jon Lieber dislikes glitz and glamour, preferring to be a low-profile pitcher on the back end of the New York Yankees' rotation.

Not any more. In Game 2 of the AL championship series, he became Pedro Martinez's latest father figure.

Pitching against the three-time Cy Young Award winner, Lieber smothered the highest-scoring offense in the major leagues. He took a shutout into the eighth inning. John Olerud backed him with a two-run homer in the sixth off the tiring Martinez and the Yankees beat the Red Sox 3-1 Wednesday night for a 2-0 lead in the AL championship series.

"I knew coming into this game what Pedro has done in the past in situations like this, so there was no room for error," Lieber said.

While Lieber likes being under the radar, Martinez, like it or not, can't avoid the spotlight. He had it before and it only grew larger after a loss to New York on Sept. 24 prompted him to say: "Just tip my hat and call the Yankees my daddy. I can't find a way to beat them at this point."

While the raucous crowd of 56,136 at Yankee Stadium taunted Martinez with booming chants of "Who's Your Daddy?" he insisted he didn't mind.

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## Signing of 15-year-old driver raises questions

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